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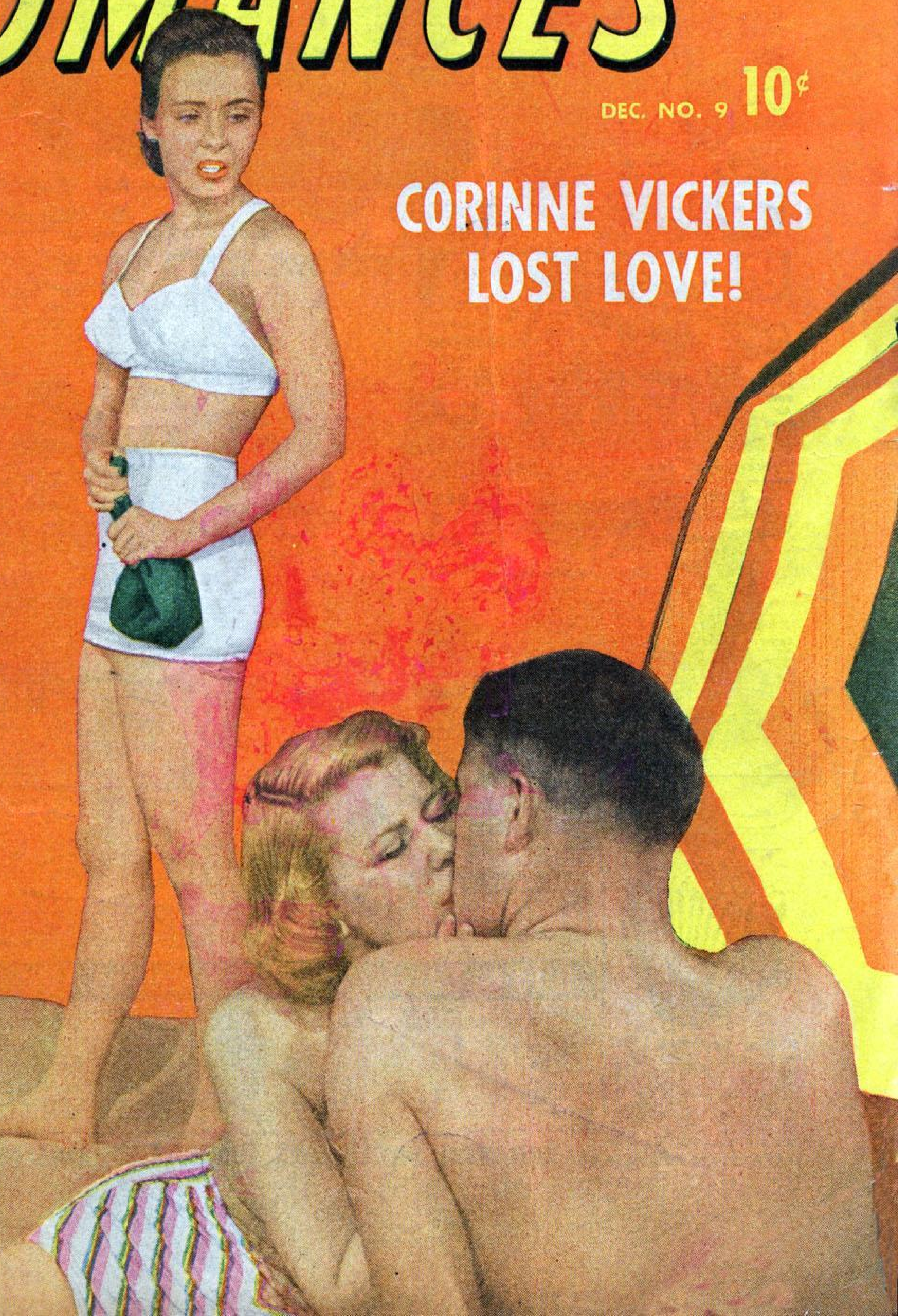

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I LEARNED, THE HARD WAY, THAT A GIRL CAN NEVER ESCAPE FROM HER PAST...AND SOMETIMES CONCEALMENT DOESN'T WORK AS WELL AS CONFESSION!

# I HAD TO PAY FOR MY PAST!

A TRUE LIFE STORY

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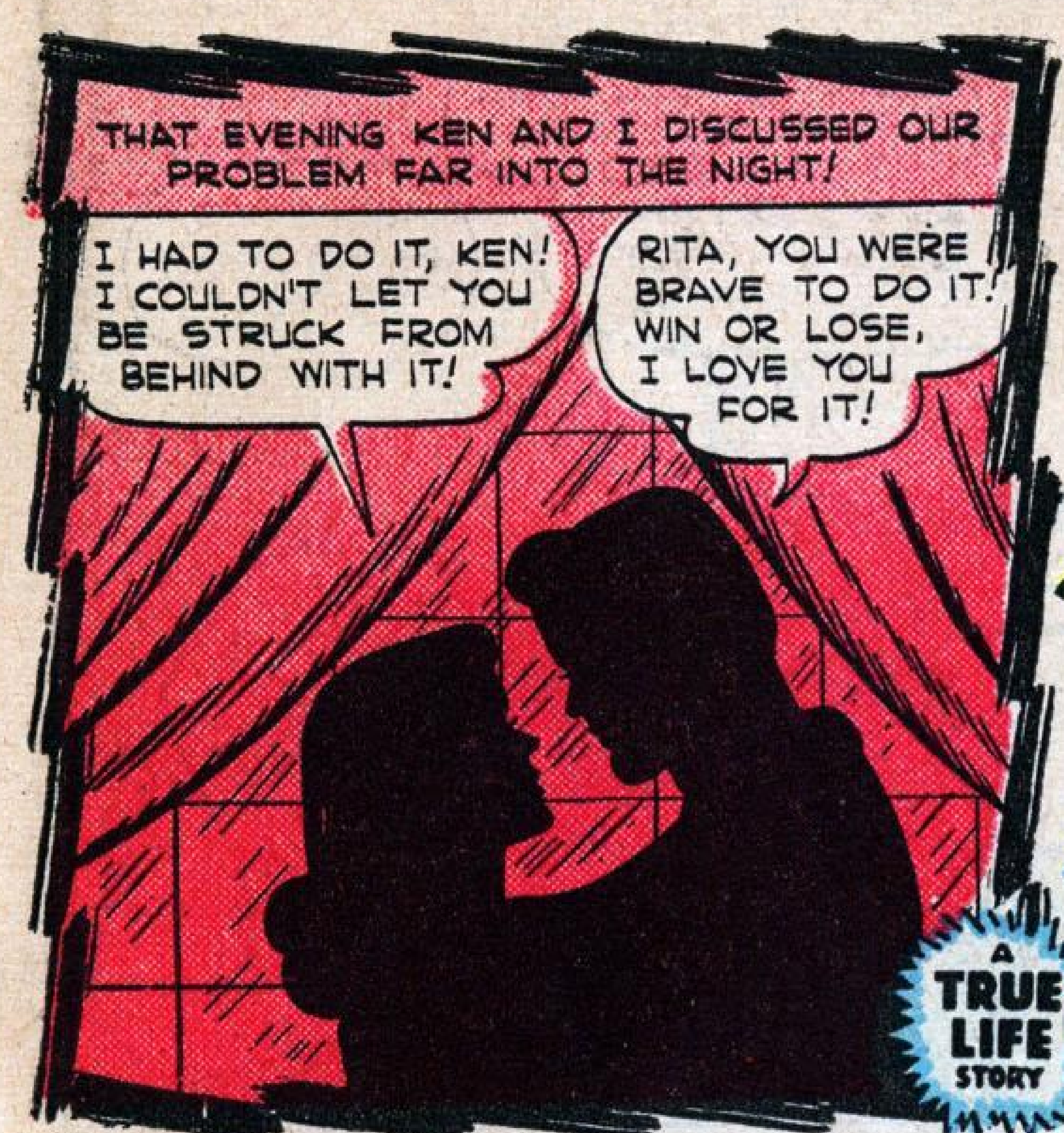
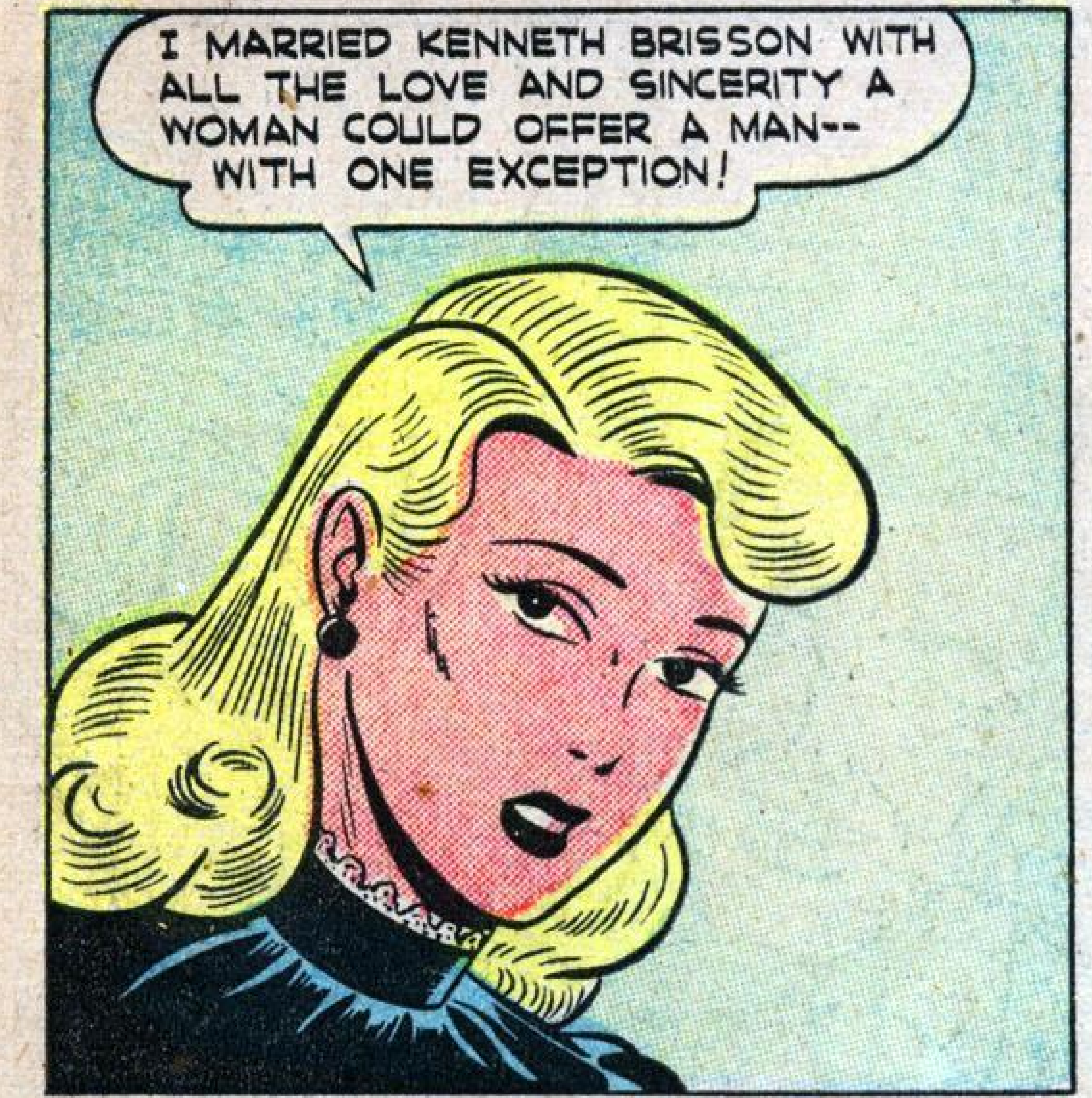
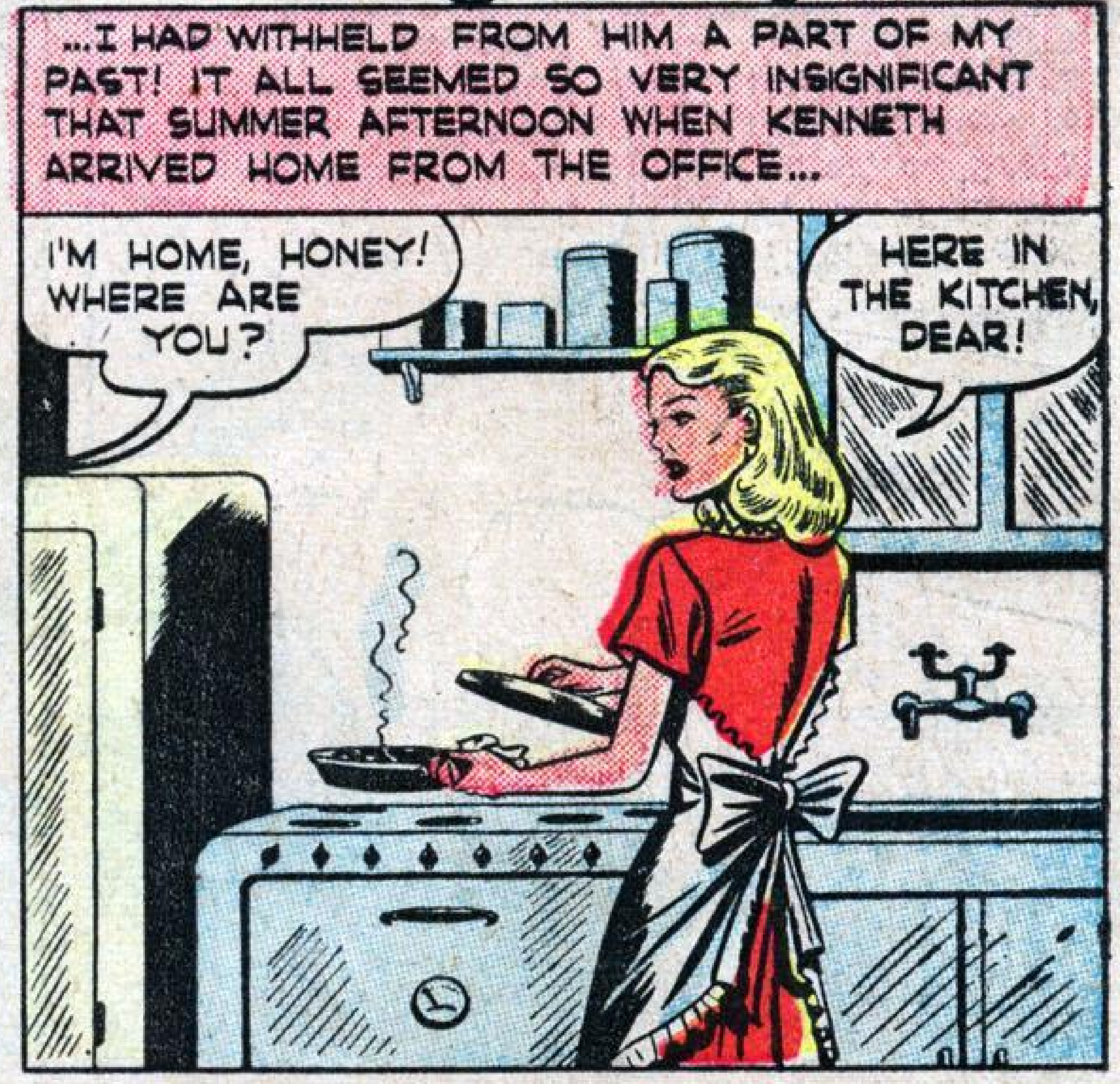
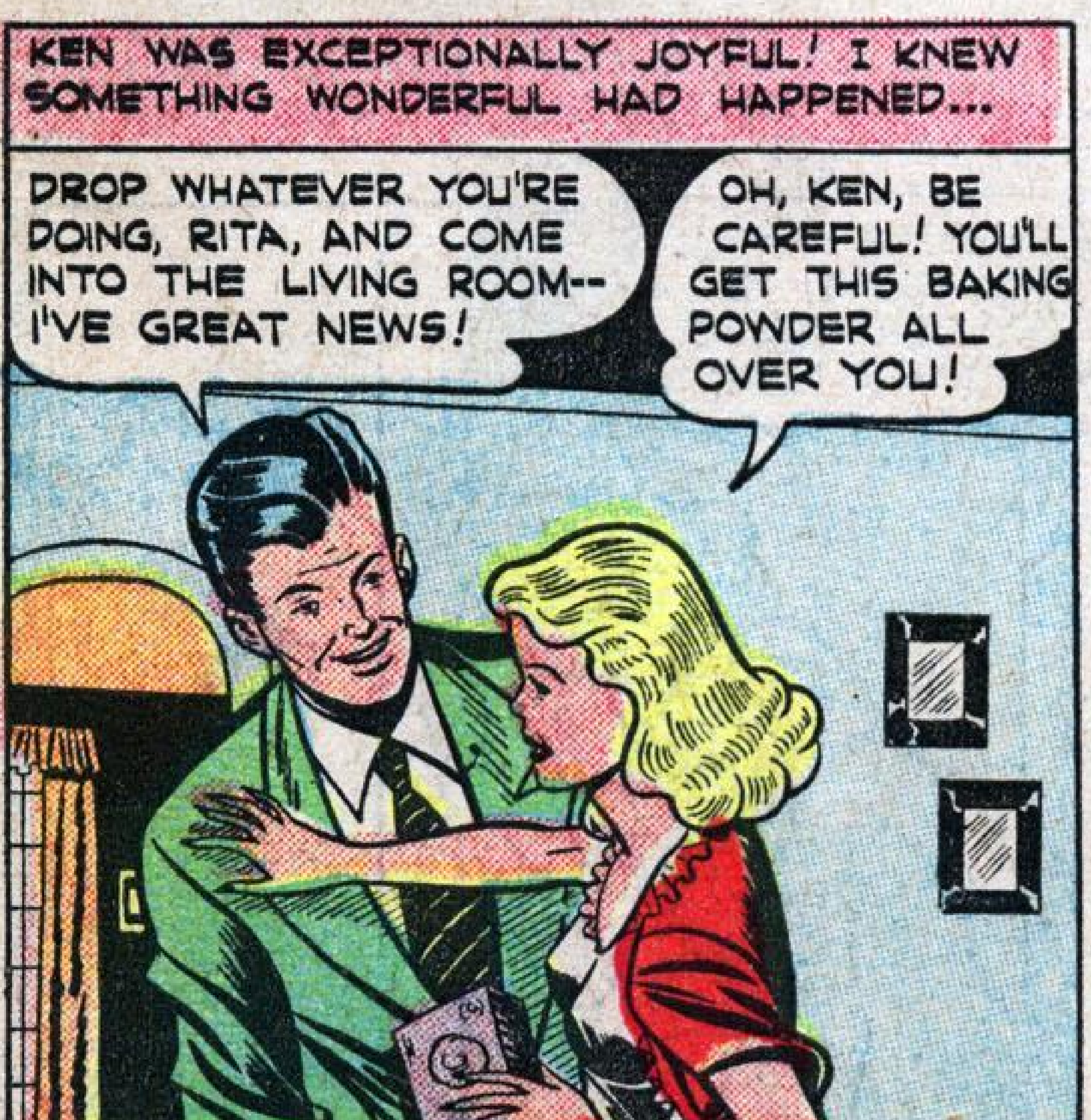
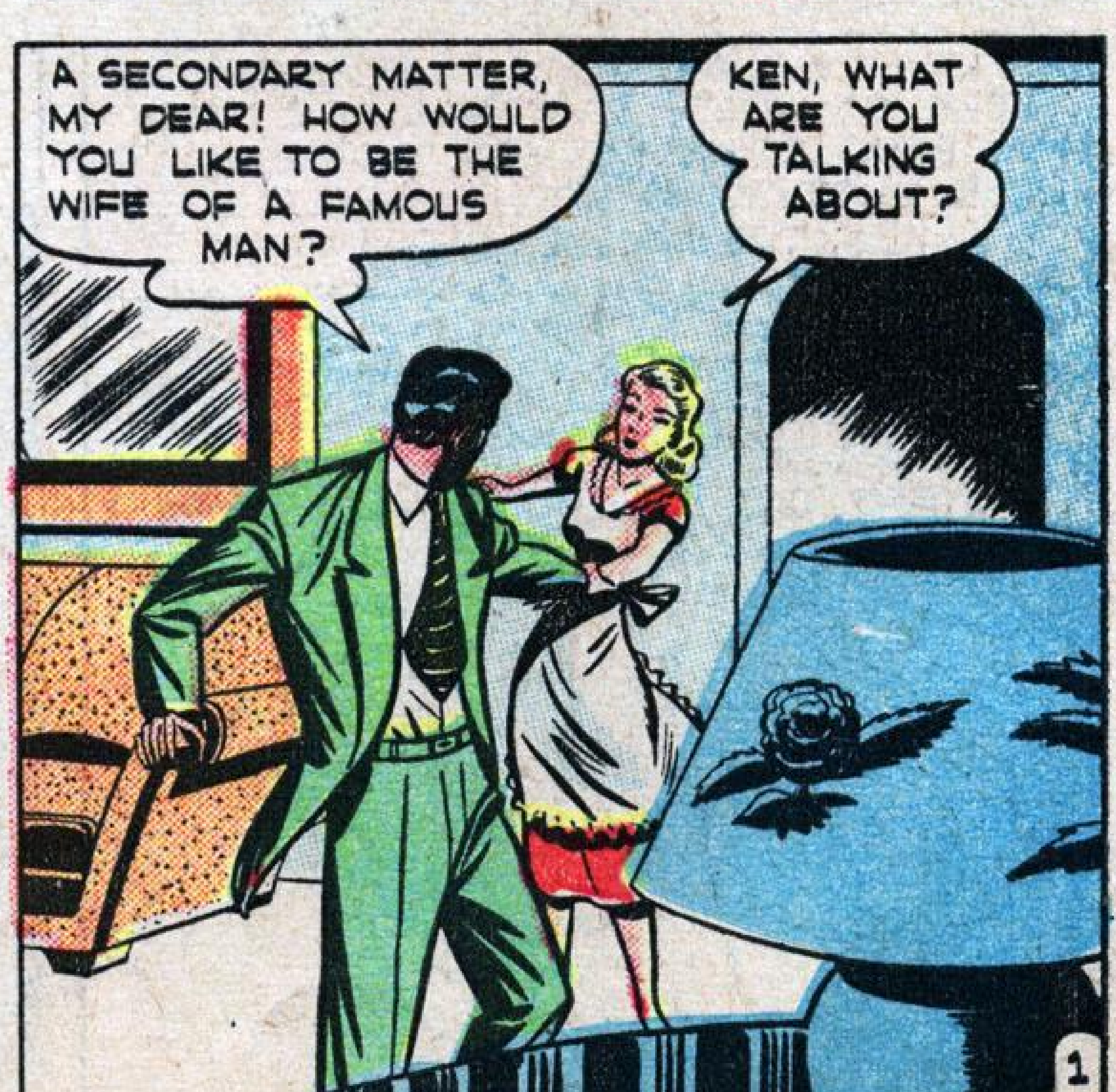
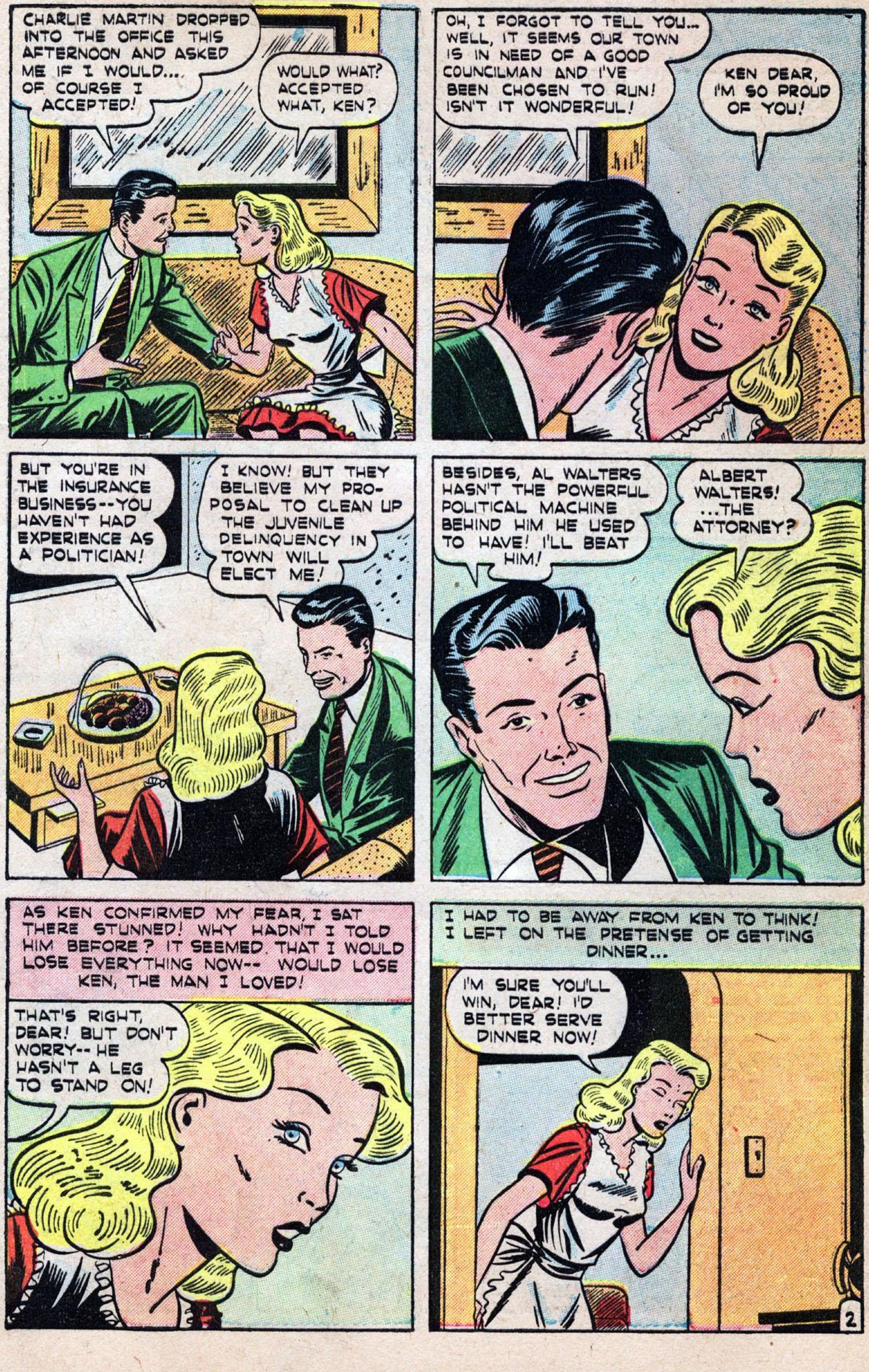

THAT EVENING KEN AND I DISCUSSED OUR PROBLEM FAR INTO THE NIGHT!
I HAD TO DO IT, KEN! I COULDN'T LET YOU BE STRUCK FROM BEHIND WITH IT!
RITA, YOU WERE BRAVE TO DO IT! WIN OR LOSE, I LOVE YOU FOR IT!

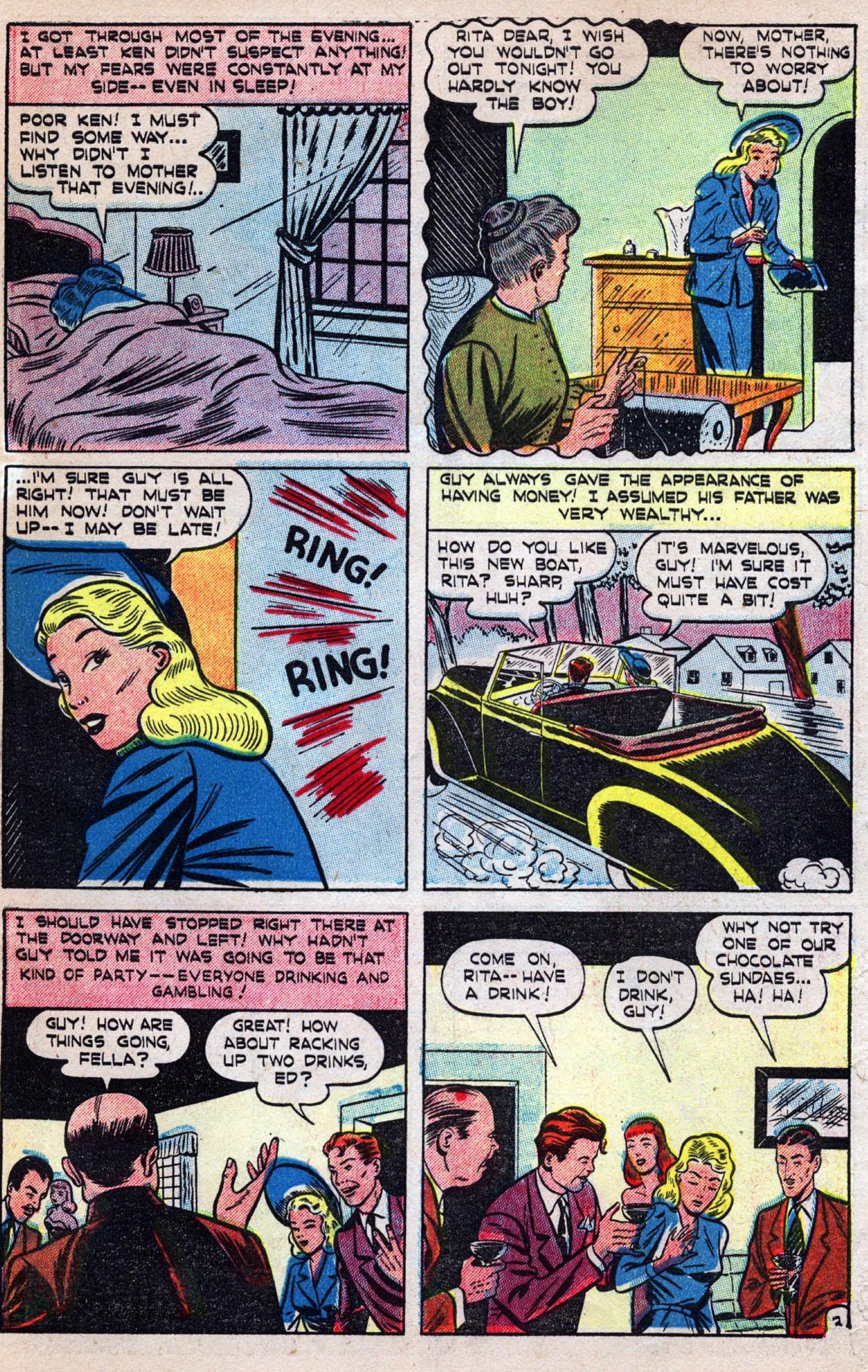

I MARRIED KENNETH BRISSON WITH ALL THE LOVE AND SINCERITY A WOMAN COULD OFFER A MAN--WITH ONE EXCEPTION!


...I HAD WITHHELD FROM HIM A PART OF MY PAST! IT ALL SEEMED SO VERY INSIGNIFICANT THAT SUMMER AFTERNOON WHEN KENNETH ARRIVED HOME FROM THE OFFICE...
I'M HOME, HONEY! WHERE ARE YOU?
HERE IN THE KITCHEN, DEAR!


KEN WAS EXCEPTIONALLY JOYFUL! I KNEW SOMETHING WONDERFUL HAD HAPPENED...
DROP WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING, RITA, AND COME INTO THE LIVING ROOM--I'VE GREAT NEWS!
OH, KEN, BE CAREFUL! YOU'LL GET THIS BAKING POWDER ALL OVER YOU!


A SECONDARY MATTER, MY DEAR! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE WIFE OF A FAMOUS MAN?
KEN, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


CHARLIE MARTIN DROPPED INTO THE OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON AND ASKED ME IF I WOULD... OF COURSE I ACCEPTED!
WOULD WHAT? ACCEPTED WHAT, KEN?
OH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU... WELL, IT SEEMS OUR TOWN IS IN NEED OF A GOOD COUNCILMAN AND I'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO RUN! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL!
KEN DEAR, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
BUT YOU'RE IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS--YOU HAVEN'T HAD EXPERIENCE AS A POLITICIAN!
I KNOW! BUT THEY BELIEVE MY PROPOSAL TO CLEAN UP THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN TOWN WILL ELECT ME!
BESIDES, AL WALTERS HASN'T THE POWERFUL POLITICAL MACHINE BEHIND HIM HE USED TO HAVE! I'LL BEAT HIM!
ALBERT WALTERS! ...THE ATTORNEY?
AS KEN CONFIRMED MY FEAR, I SAT THERE STUNNED! WHY HADN'T I TOLD HIM BEFORE? IT SEEMED THAT I WOULD LOSE EVERYTHING NOW-- WOULD LOSE KEN, THE MAN I LOVED!
THAT'S RIGHT, DEAR! BUT DON'T WORRY-- HE HASN'T A LEG TO STAND ON!
I HAD TO BE AWAY FROM KEN TO THINK! I LEFT ON THE PRETENSE OF GETTING DINNER...
I'M SURE YOU'LL WIN, DEAR! I'D BETTER SERVE DINNER NOW!


I GOT THROUGH MOST OF THE EVENING... AT LEAST KEN DIDN'T SUSPECT ANYTHING! BUT MY FEARS WERE CONSTANTLY AT MY SIDE-- EVEN IN SLEEP!
POOR KEN! I MUST FIND SOME WAY... WHY DIDN'T I LISTEN TO MOTHER THAT EVENING!..
RITA DEAR, I WISH YOU WOULDN'T GO OUT TONIGHT! YOU HARDLY KNOW THE BOY!
NOW, MOTHER, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
...I'M SURE GUY IS ALL RIGHT! THAT MUST BE HIM NOW! DON'T WAIT UP-- I MAY BE LATE!
RING!
RING!
GUY ALWAYS GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF HAVING MONEY! I ASSUMED HIS FATHER WAS VERY WEALTHY...
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS NEW BOAT, RITA? SHARP, HUH?
IT'S MARVELOUS, GUY! I'M SURE IT MUST HAVE COST QUITE A BIT!
I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED RIGHT THERE AT THE DOORWAY AND LEFT! WHY HADN'T GUY TOLD ME IT WAS GOING TO BE THAT KIND OF PARTY--EVERYONE DRINKING AND GAMBLING!
GUY! HOW ARE THINGS GOING, FELLA?
GREAT! HOW ABOUT RACKING UP TWO DRINKS, ED?
COME ON, RITA-- HAVE A DRINK!
I DON'T DRINK, GUY!
WHY NOT TRY ONE OF OUR CHOCOLATE SUNDAES... HA! HA!
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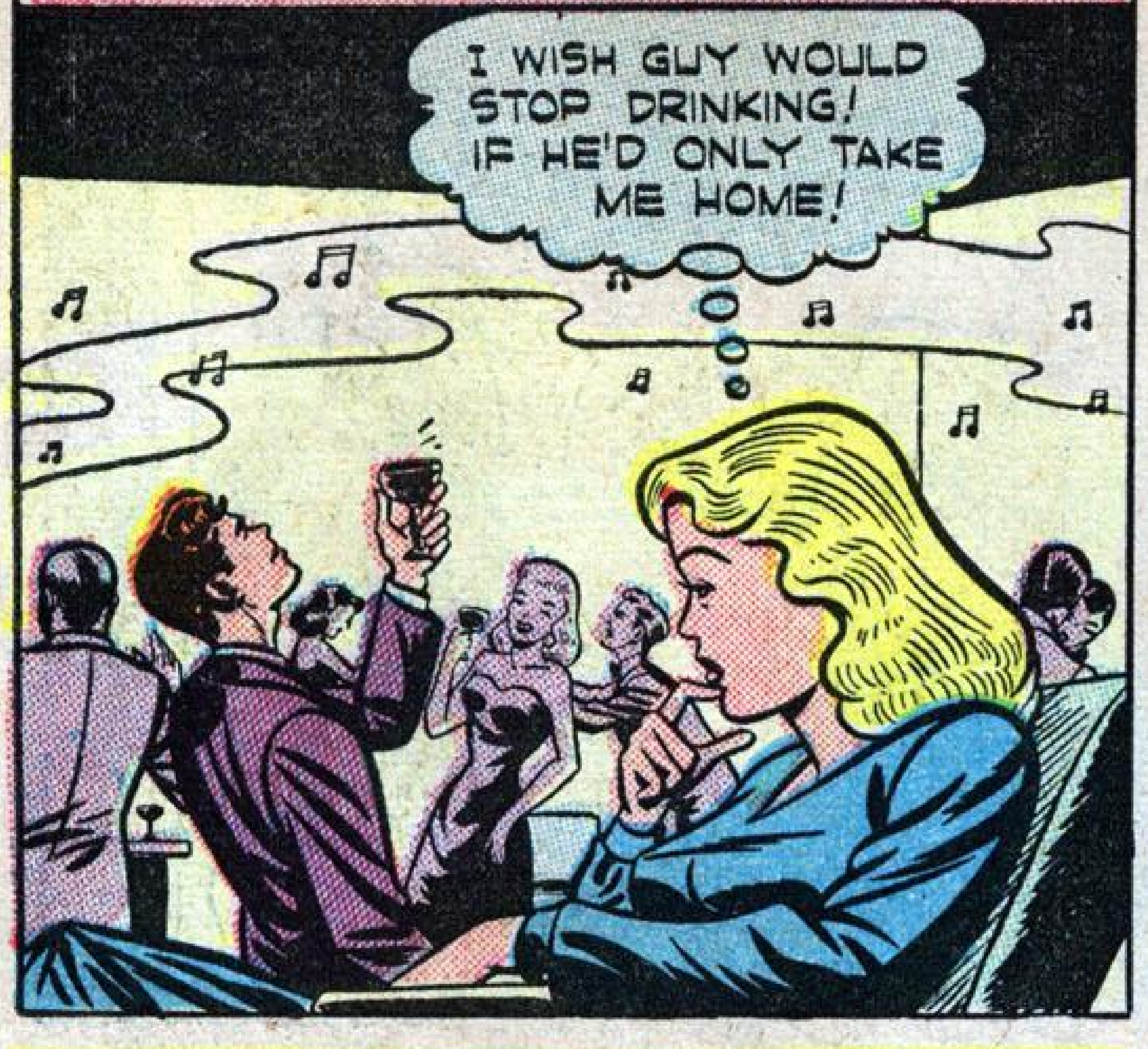
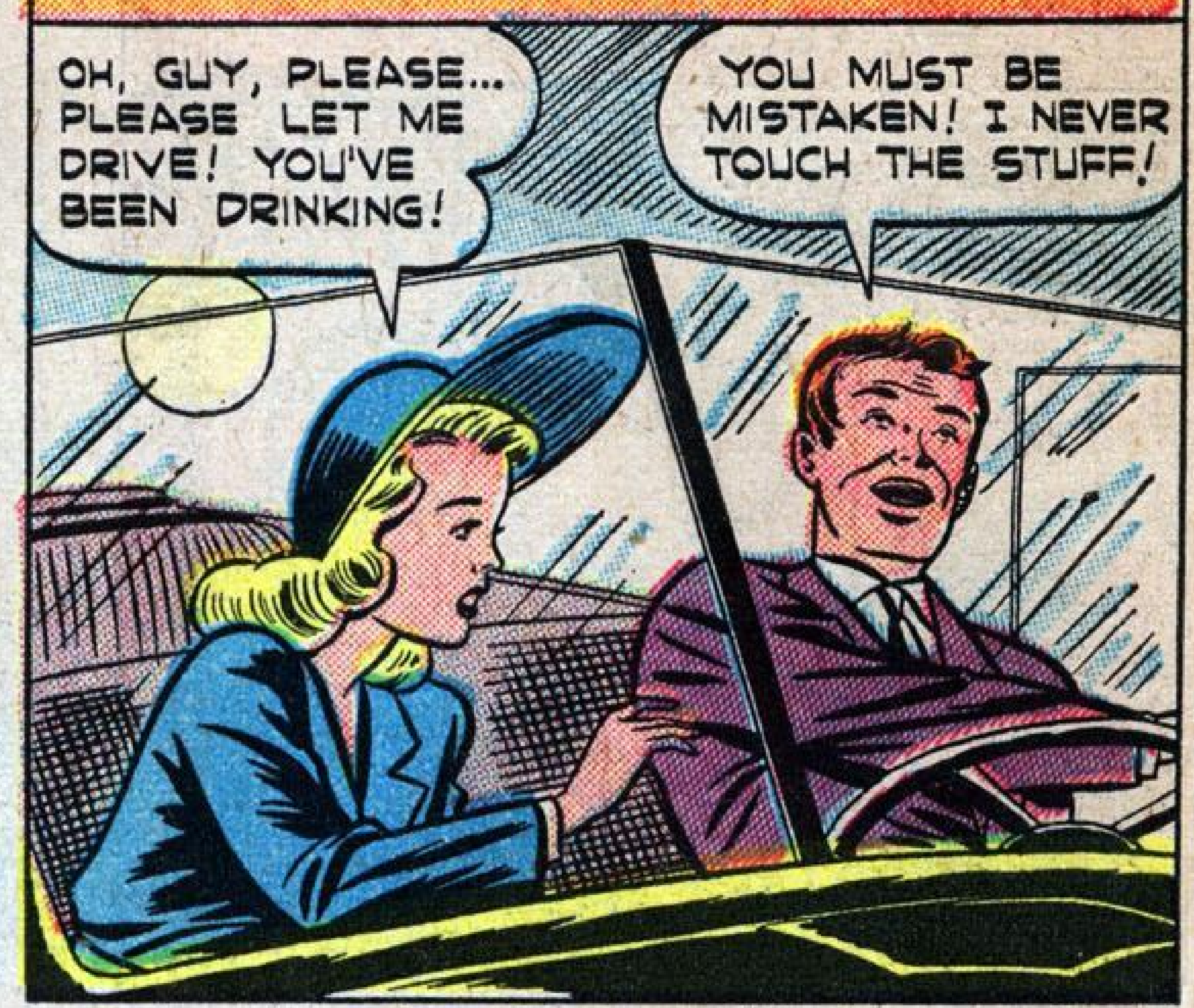
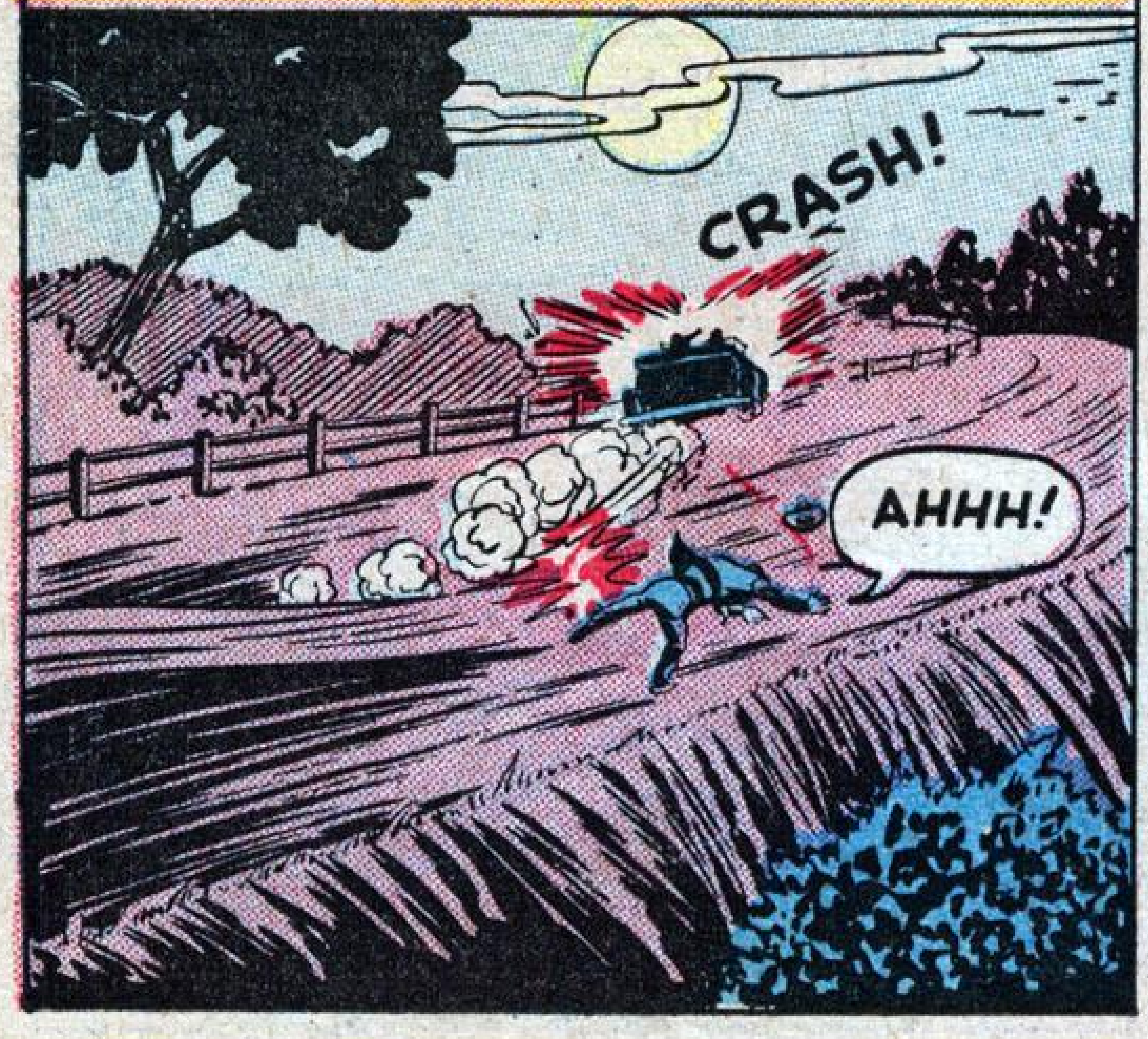
I SAT THERE MOST OF THE EVENING WATCHING THEM MAKE FOOLS OF THEMSELVES...

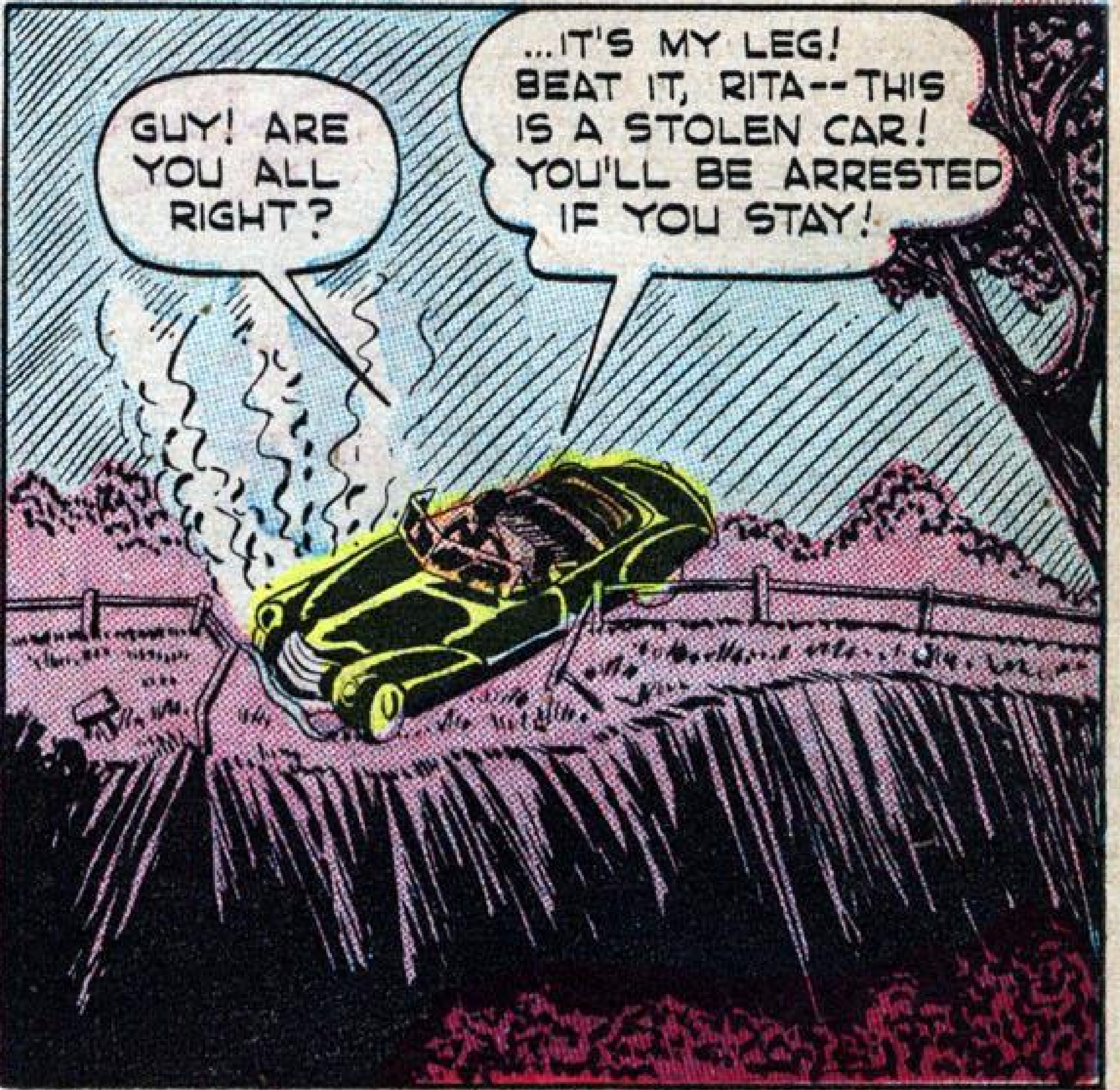

I WISH GUY WOULD STOP DRINKING! IF HE'D ONLY TAKE ME HOME!

AT LAST WE LEFT! GUY WAS FEELING RATHER HIGH AND I PLEADED WITH HIM NOT TO DRIVE--BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN!

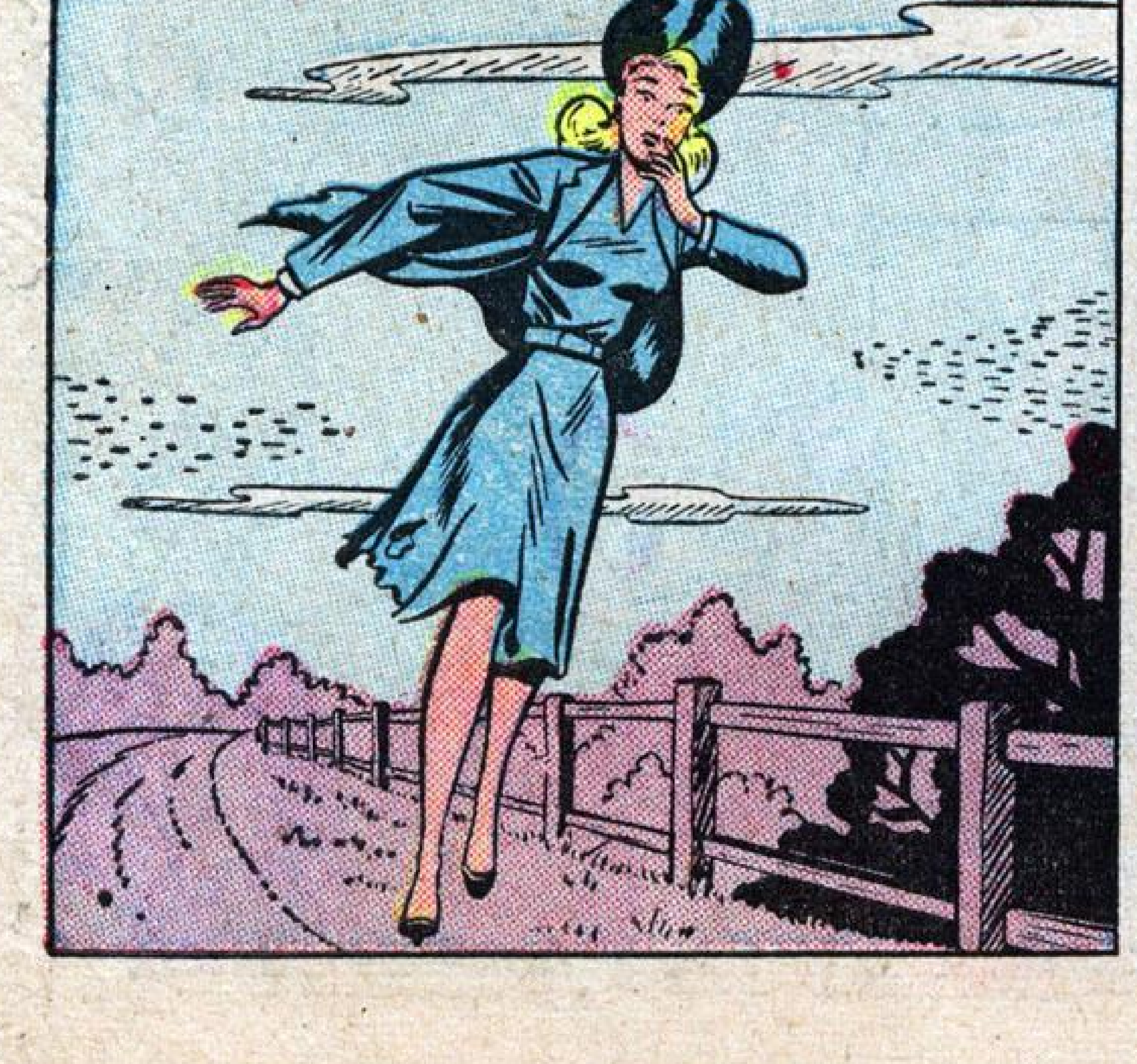

OH, GUY, PLEASE... PLEASE LET ME DRIVE! YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING!
YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN! I NEVER TOUCH THE STUFF!

SUDDENLY THERE WAS AN AWFUL SHRIEK AND OUR CAR PITCHED OVER THE EMBANKMENT...

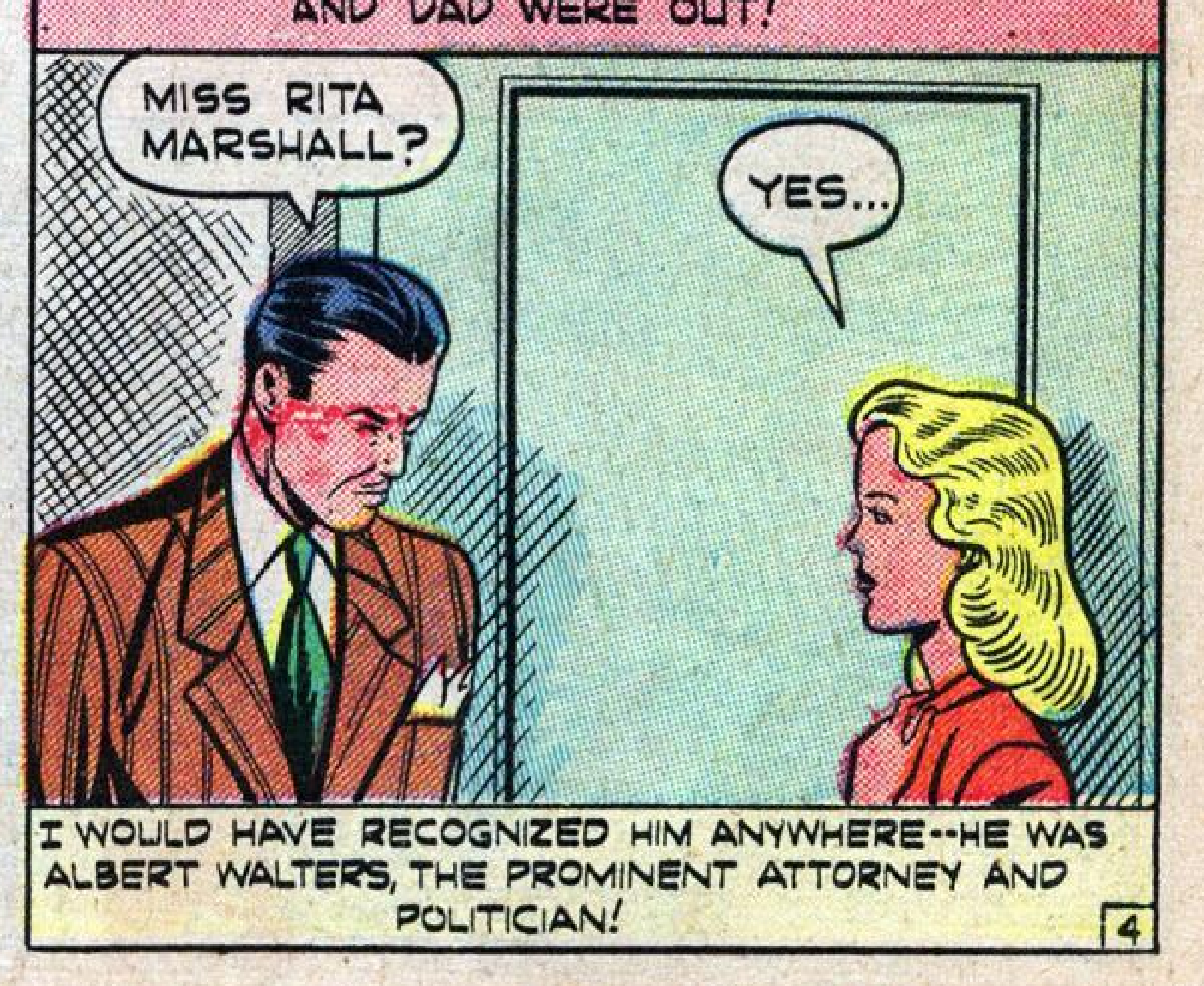



GUY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
...IT'S MY LEG! BEAT IT, RITA--THIS IS A STOLEN CAR! YOU'LL BE ARRESTED IF YOU STAY!

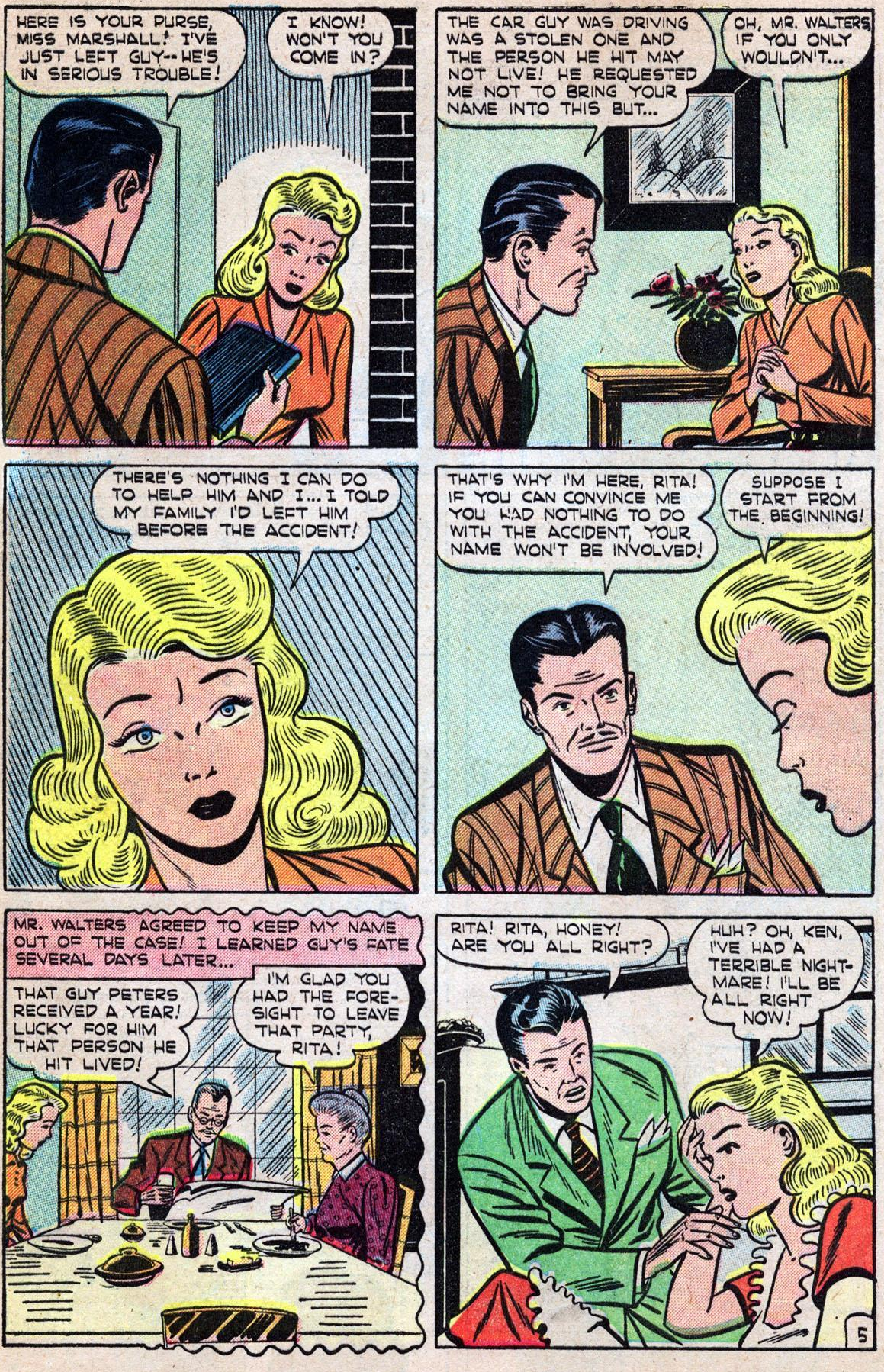
I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM BUT HE BEGGED ME TO! IT WAS ALL SO CONFUSING--I LEFT AND RAN!

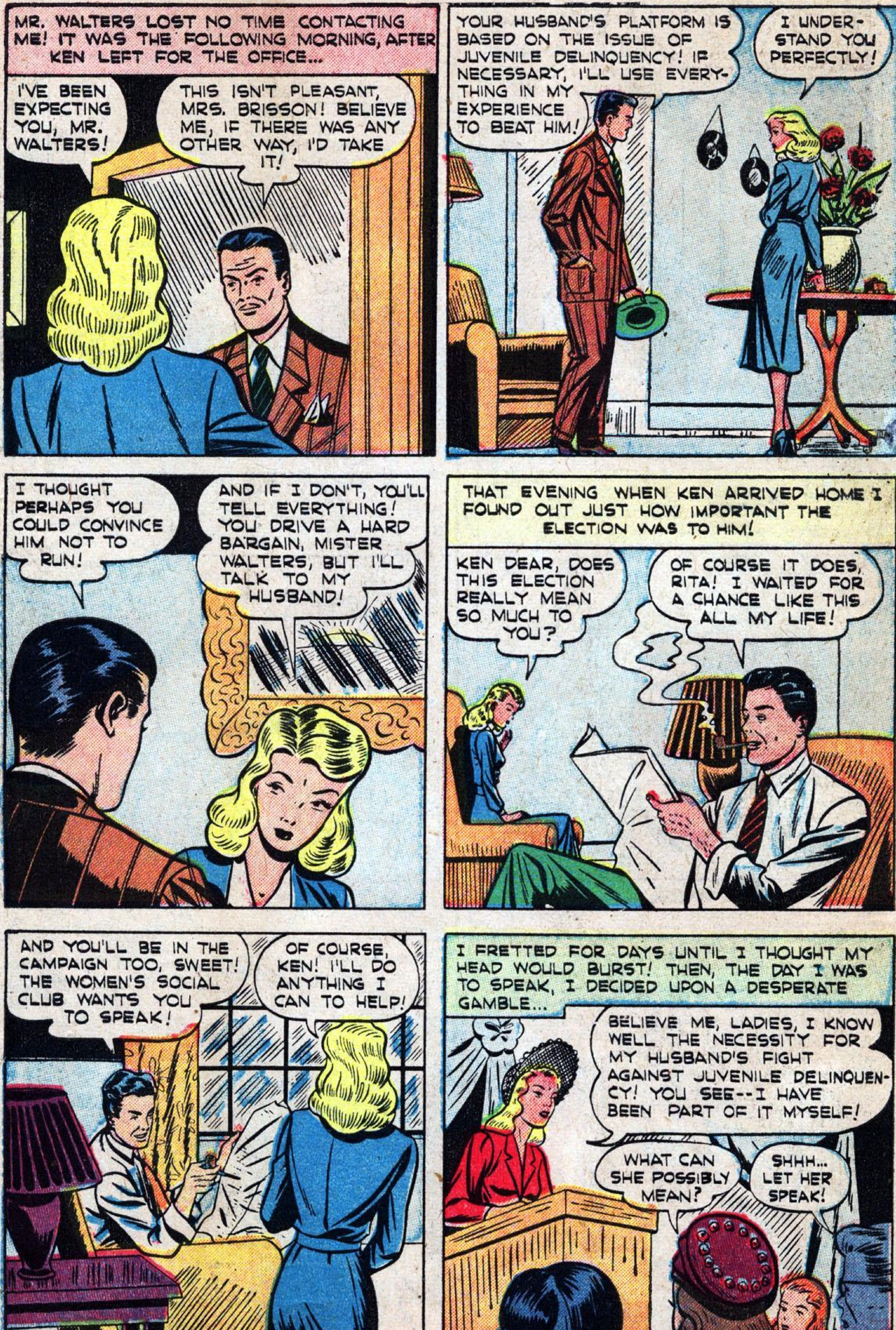


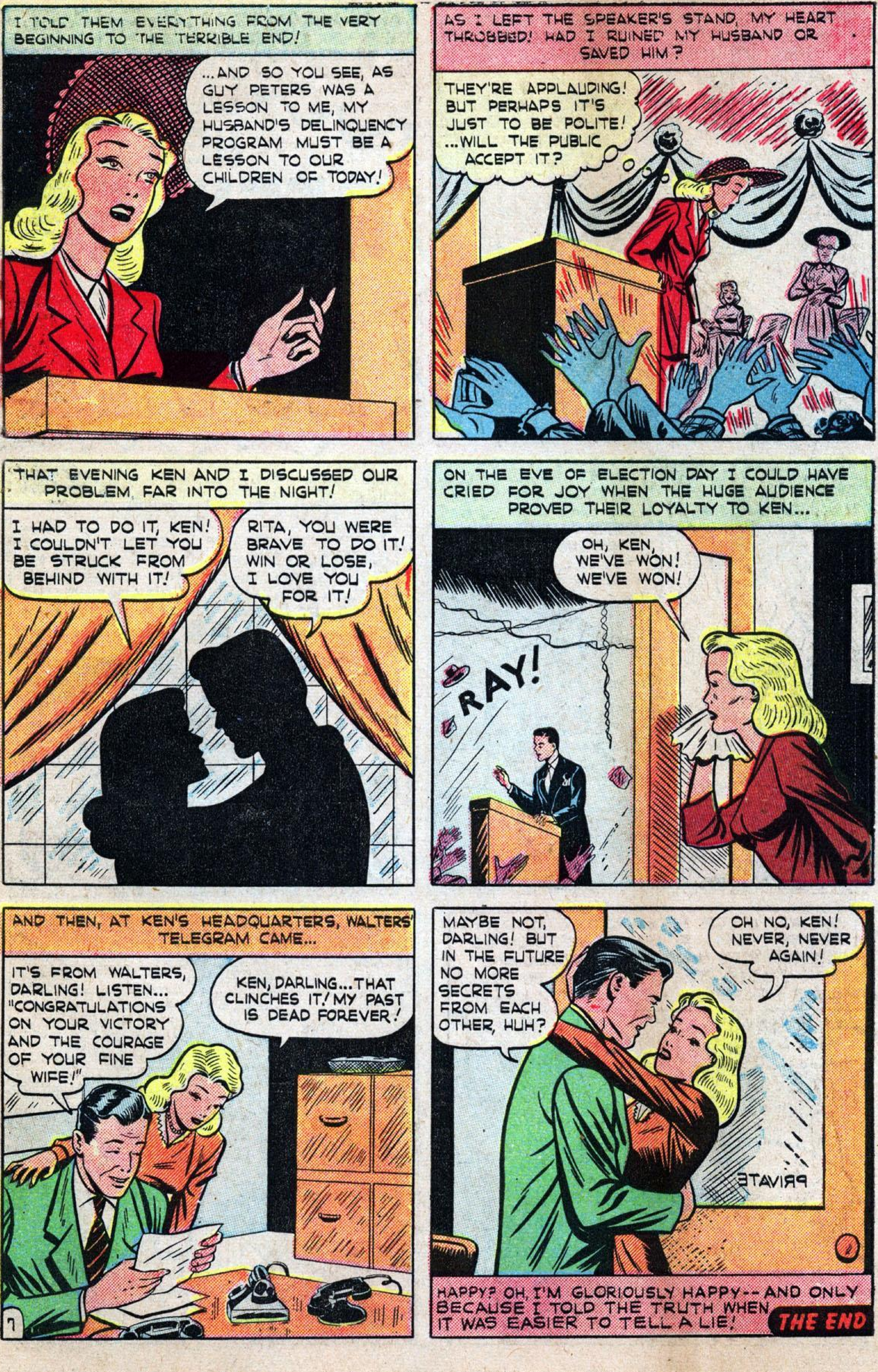
I SLEPT LITTLE THAT NIGHT! THE FOLLOWING MORNING WHEN THE DOORBELL RANG, I ANSWERED IT-- THANK GOODNESS MOTHER AND DAD WERE OUT!

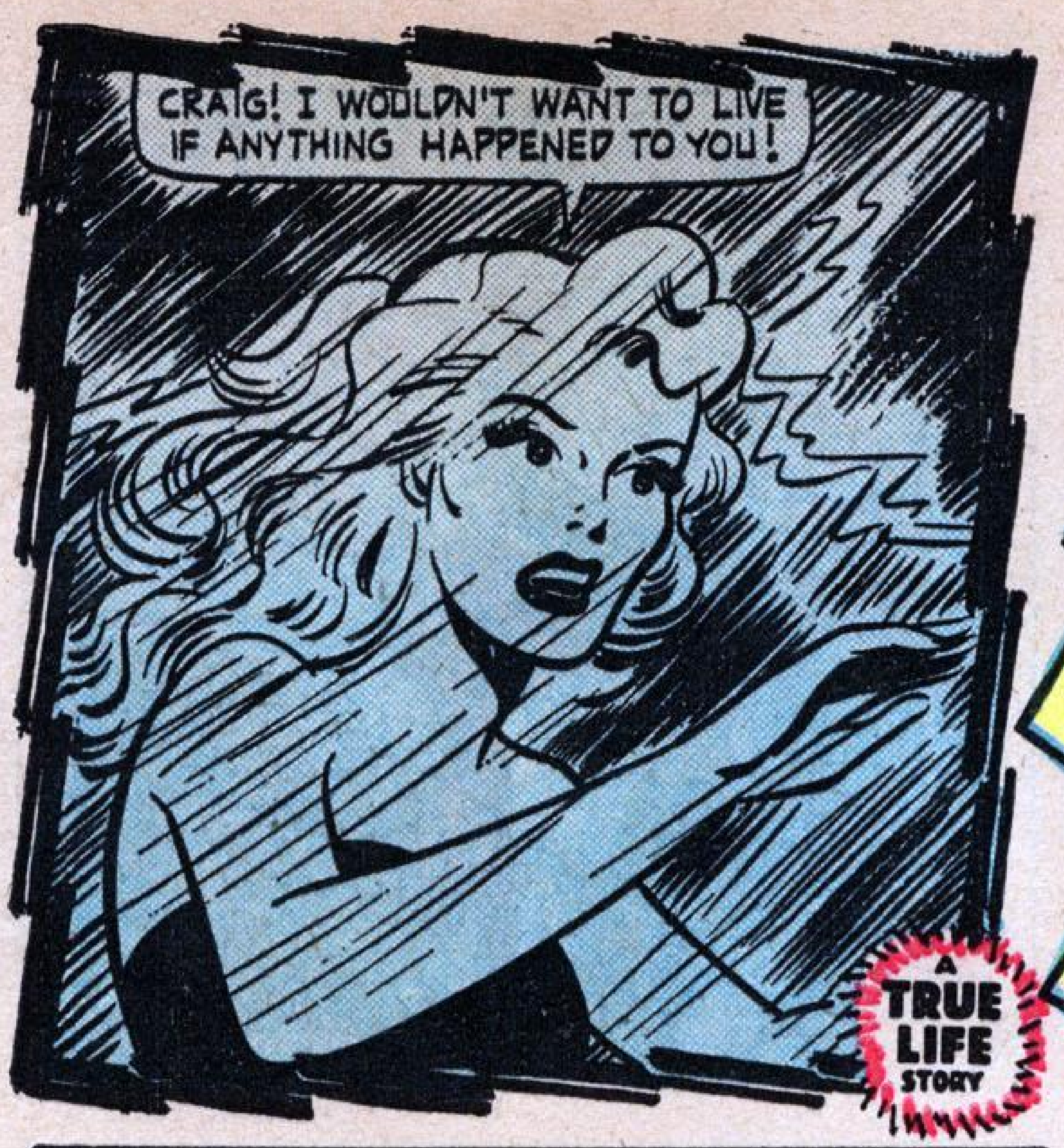

MISS RITA MARSHALL?
YES...

I WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM ANYWHERE--HE WAS ALBERT WALTERS, THE PROMINENT ATTORNEY AND POLITICIAN!


HERE IS YOUR PURSE, MISS MARSHALL! I'VE JUST LEFT GUY-- HE'S IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!
I KNOW! WON'T YOU COME IN?
THE CAR GUY WAS DRIVING WAS A STOLEN ONE AND THE PERSON HE HIT MAY NOT LIVE! HE REQUESTED ME NOT TO BRING YOUR NAME INTO THIS BUT...
OH, MR. WALTERS, IF YOU ONLY WOULDN'T...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO HELP HIM AND I... I TOLD MY FAMILY I'D LEFT HIM BEFORE THE ACCIDENT!
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE, RITA! IF YOU CAN CONVINCE ME YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ACCIDENT, YOUR NAME WON'T BE INVOLVED!
SUPPOSE I START FROM THE BEGINNING!
MR. WALTERS AGREED TO KEEP MY NAME OUT OF THE CASE! I LEARNED GUY'S FATE SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
THAT GUY PETERS RECEIVED A YEAR! LUCKY FOR HIM THAT PERSON HE HIT LIVED!
I'M GLAD YOU HAD THE FORESIGHT TO LEAVE THAT PARTY, RITA!
RITA! RITA, HONEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HUH? OH, KEN, I'VE HAD A TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW!


MR. WALTERS LOST NO TIME CONTACTING ME! IT WAS THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AFTER KEN LEFT FOR THE OFFICE...
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, MR. WALTERS!
THIS ISN'T PLEASANT, MRS. BRISSON! BELIEVE ME, IF THERE WAS ANY OTHER WAY, I'D TAKE IT!
YOUR HUSBAND'S PLATFORM IS BASED ON THE ISSUE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY! IF NECESSARY, I'LL USE EVERYTHING IN MY EXPERIENCE TO BEAT HIM!
I UNDERSTAND YOU PERFECTLY!
I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU COULD CONVINCE HIM NOT TO RUN!
AND IF I DON'T, YOU'LL TELL EVERYTHING! YOU DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN, MISTER WALTERS, BUT I'LL TALK TO MY HUSBAND!
THAT EVENING WHEN KEN ARRIVED HOME I FOUND OUT JUST HOW IMPORTANT THE ELECTION WAS TO HIM!
KEN DEAR, DOES THIS ELECTION REALLY MEAN SO MUCH TO YOU?
OF COURSE IT DOES, RITA! I WAITED FOR A CHANCE LIKE THIS ALL MY LIFE!
AND YOU'LL BE IN THE CAMPAIGN TOO, SWEET! THE WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB WANTS YOU TO SPEAK!
OF COURSE, KEN! I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN TO HELP!
I FRETTED FOR DAYS UNTIL I THOUGHT MY HEAD WOULD BURST! THEN, THE DAY I WAS TO SPEAK, I DECIDED UPON A DESPERATE GAMBLE...
BELIEVE ME, LADIES, I KNOW WELL THE NECESSITY FOR MY HUSBAND'S FIGHT AGAINST JUVENILE DELINQUENCY! YOU SEE--I HAVE BEEN PART OF IT MYSELF!
WHAT CAN SHE POSSIBLY MEAN?
SHHH... LET HER SPEAK!


I TOLD THEM EVERYTHING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING TO THE TERRIBLE END!
...AND SO YOU SEE, AS GUY PETERS WAS A LESSON TO ME, MY HUSBAND'S DELINQUENCY PROGRAM MUST BE A LESSON TO OUR CHILDREN OF TODAY!
AS I LEFT THE SPEAKER'S STAND, MY HEART THROBBED! HAD I RUINED MY HUSBAND OR SAVED HIM?
THEY'RE APPLAUDING! BUT PERHAPS IT'S JUST TO BE POLITE! ...WILL THE PUBLIC ACCEPT IT?
THAT EVENING KEN AND I DISCUSSED OUR PROBLEM FAR INTO THE NIGHT!
I HAD TO DO IT, KEN! I COULDN'T LET YOU BE STRUCK FROM BEHIND WITH IT!
RITA, YOU WERE BRAVE TO DO IT! WIN OR LOSE, I LOVE YOU FOR IT!
ON THE EVE OF ELECTION DAY I COULD HAVE CRIED FOR JOY WHEN THE HUGE AUDIENCE PROVED THEIR LOYALTY TO KEN...
OH, KEN, WE'VE WON! WE'VE WON!
RAY!
AND THEN, AT KEN'S HEADQUARTERS, WALTERS' TELEGRAM CAME...
IT'S FROM WALTERS, DARLING! LISTEN... "CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY AND THE COURAGE OF YOUR FINE WIFE!"
KEN, DARLING...THAT CLINCHES IT! MY PAST IS DEAD FOREVER!
MAYBE NOT, DARLING! BUT IN THE FUTURE NO MORE SECRETS FROM EACH OTHER, HUH?
OH NO, KEN! NEVER, NEVER AGAIN!
PRIVATE
HAPPY? OH, I'M GLORIOUSLY HAPPY-- AND ONLY BECAUSE I TOLD THE TRUTH WHEN IT WAS EASIER TO TELL A LIE!
THE END


CRAIG! I WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU!
A TRUE LIFE STORY

THE MOST DIFFICULT THING I HAD EVER DONE WAS FINDING THE MAN I LOVED! BUT WHEN I FOUND HIM, MY PROBLEM HAD JUST BEGUN!!! FOR HE WAS THE ONE MAN WHO WANTED NO PLACE IN MY HEART!

# HE REFUSED MY LOVE!

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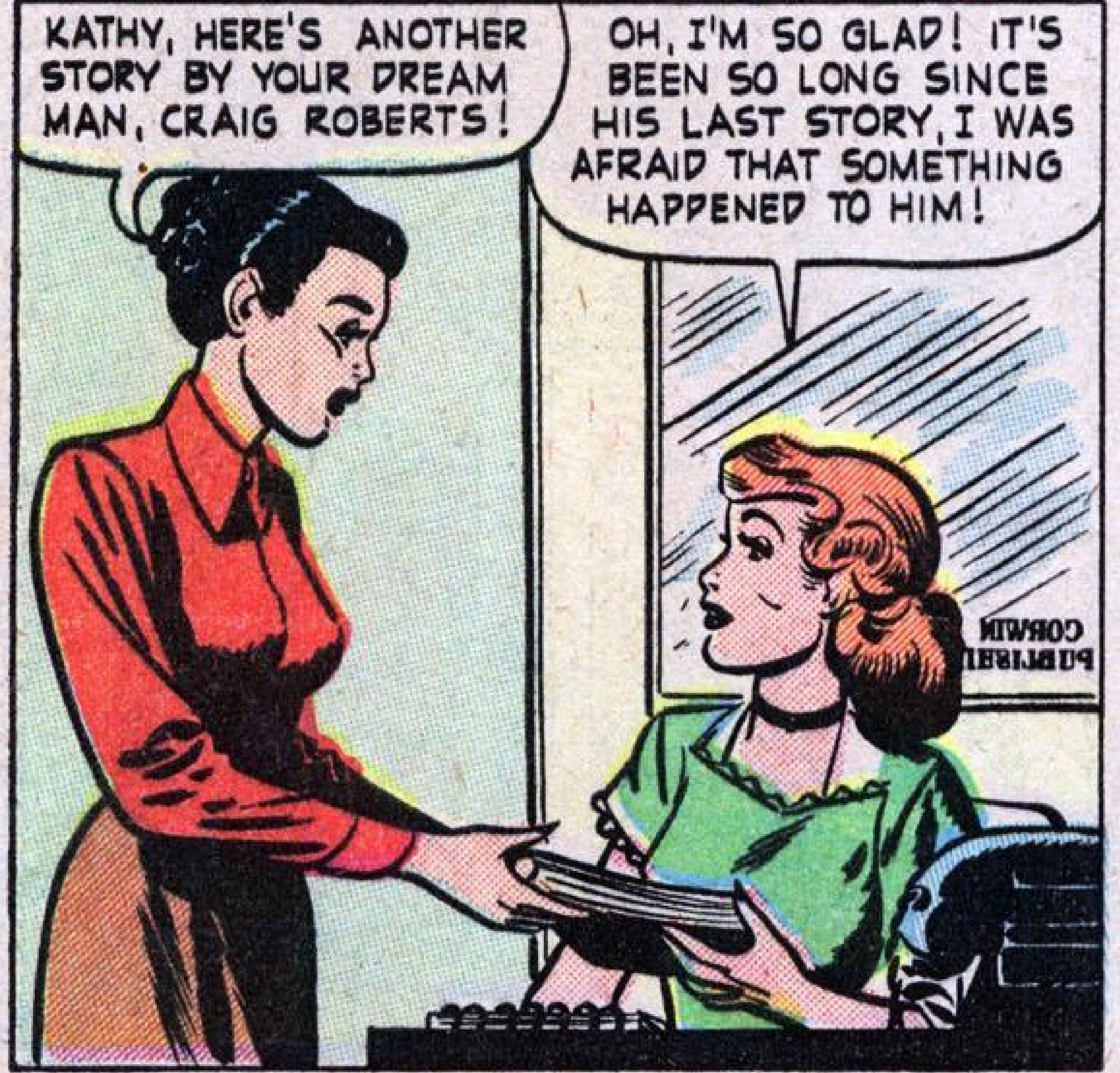
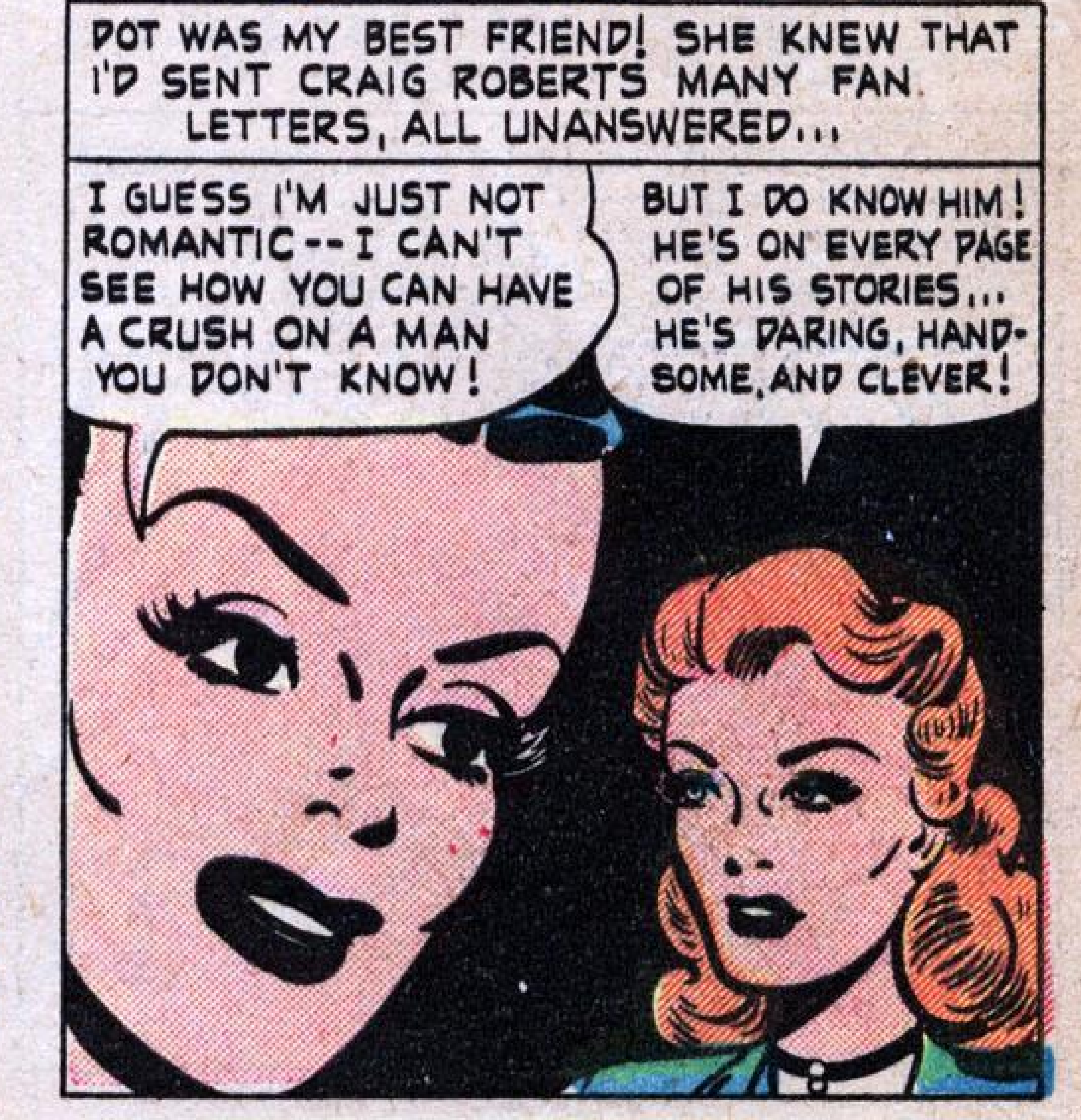
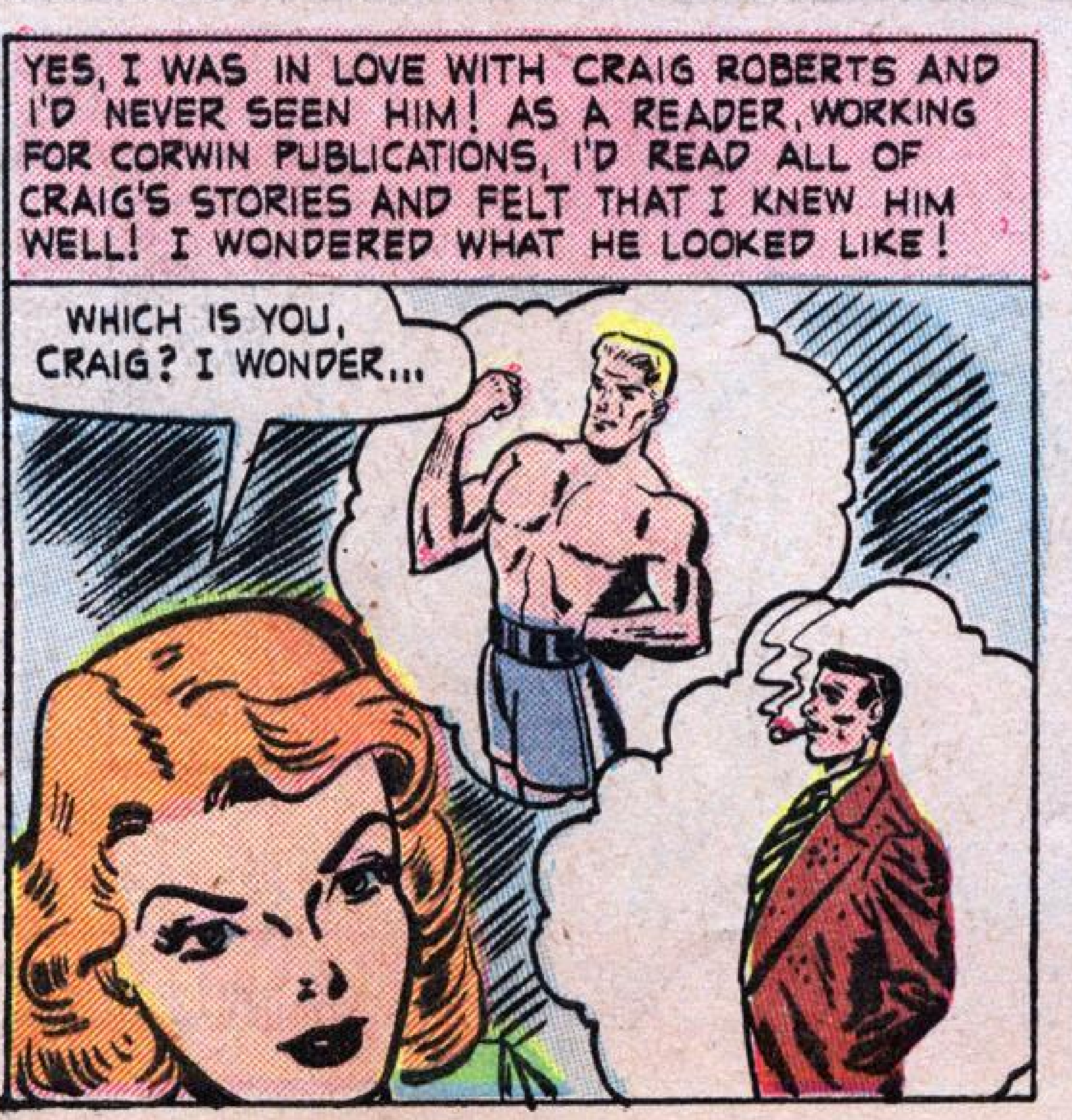

KATHY, HERE'S ANOTHER STORY BY YOUR DREAM MAN, CRAIG ROBERTS!
OH, I'M SO GLAD! IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE HIS LAST STORY, I WAS AFRAID THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM!
CORWIN PUBLISHE

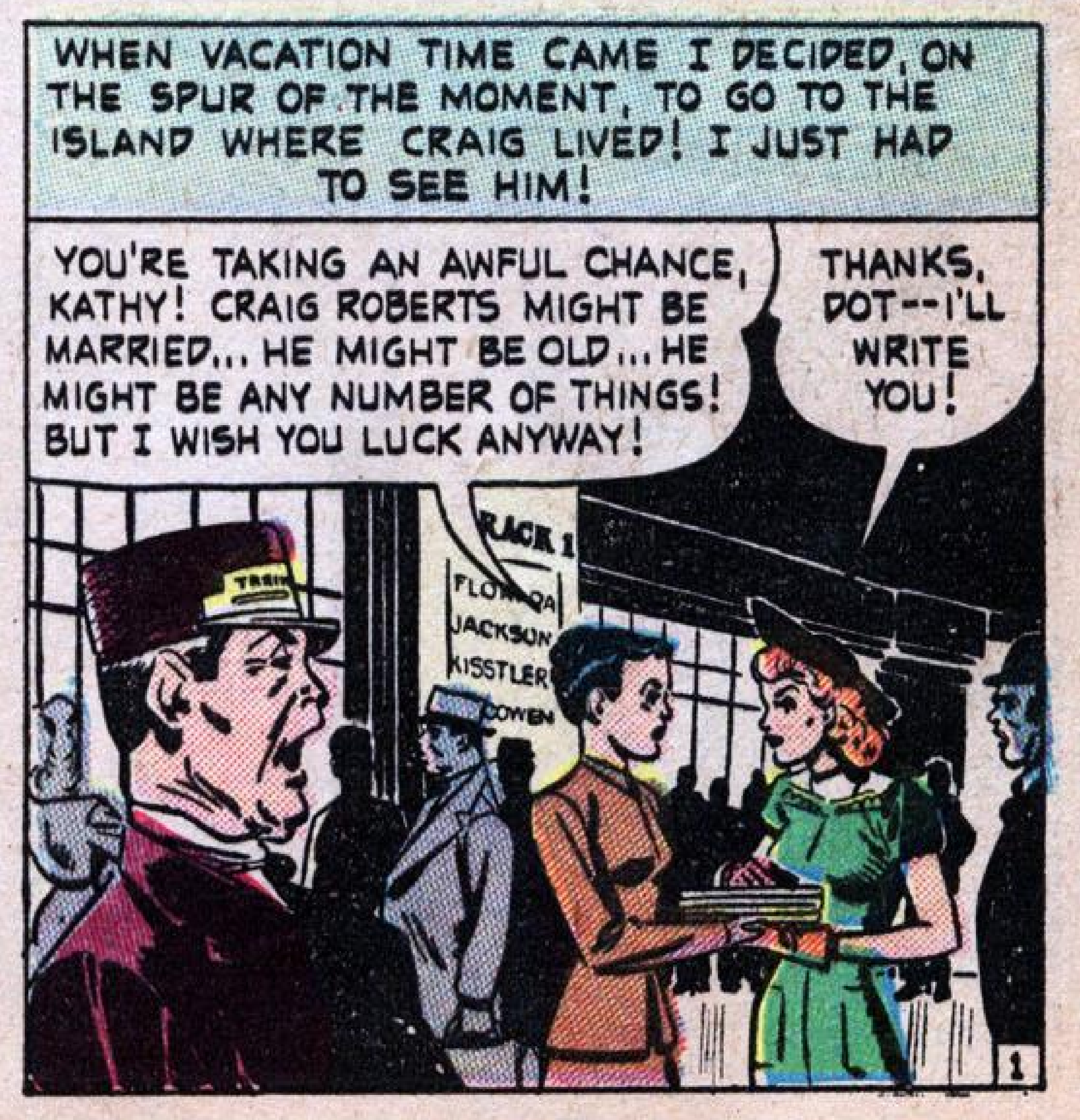
DOT WAS MY BEST FRIEND! SHE KNEW THAT I'D SENT CRAIG ROBERTS MANY FAN LETTERS, ALL UNANSWERED...


I GUESS I'M JUST NOT ROMANTIC--I CAN'T SEE HOW YOU CAN HAVE A CRUSH ON A MAN YOU DON'T KNOW!
BUT I DO KNOW HIM! HE'S ON EVERY PAGE OF HIS STORIES... HE'S DARING, HANDSOME, AND CLEVER!

YES, I WAS IN LOVE WITH CRAIG ROBERTS AND I'D NEVER SEEN HIM! AS A READER, WORKING FOR CORWIN PUBLICATIONS, I'D READ ALL OF CRAIG'S STORIES AND FELT THAT I KNEW HIM WELL! I WONDERED WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE!


WHICH IS YOU, CRAIG? I WONDER...

WHEN VACATION TIME CAME I DECIDED, ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT, TO GO TO THE ISLAND WHERE CRAIG LIVED! I JUST HAD TO SEE HIM!


YOU'RE TAKING AN AWFUL CHANCE, KATHY! CRAIG ROBERTS MIGHT BE MARRIED... HE MIGHT BE OLD... HE MIGHT BE ANY NUMBER OF THINGS! BUT I WISH YOU LUCK ANYWAY!
THANKS, DOT--I'LL WRITE YOU!
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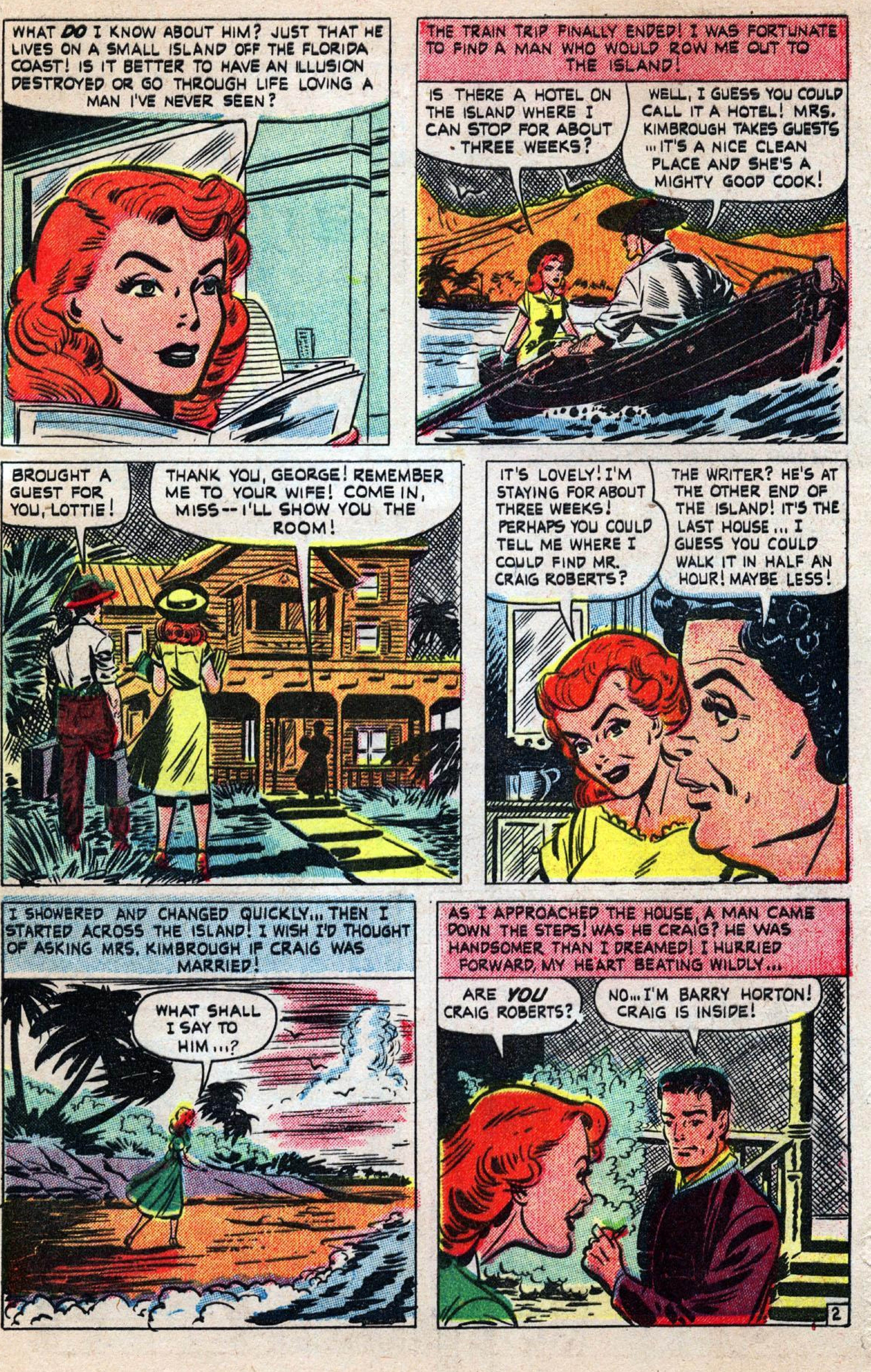
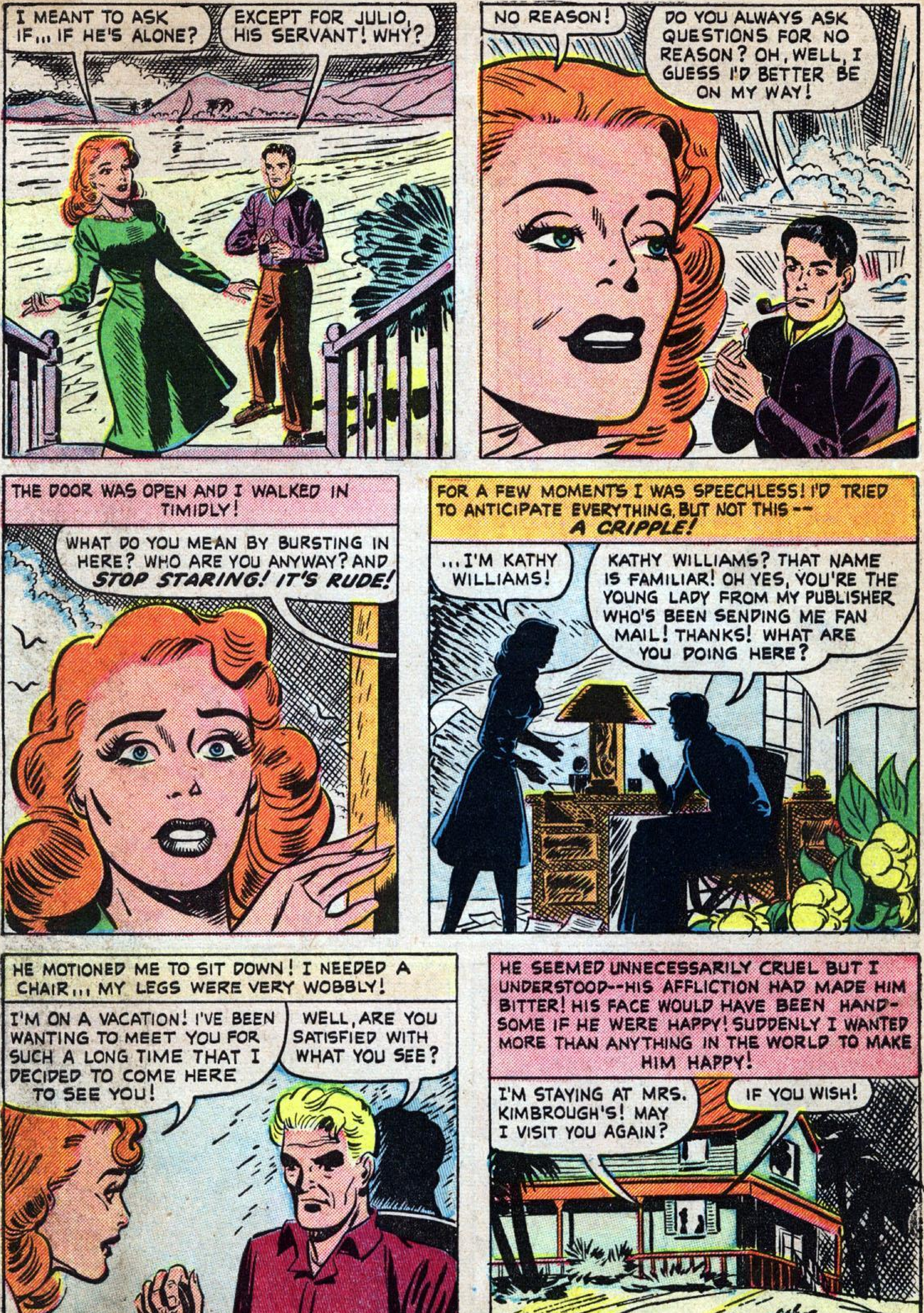
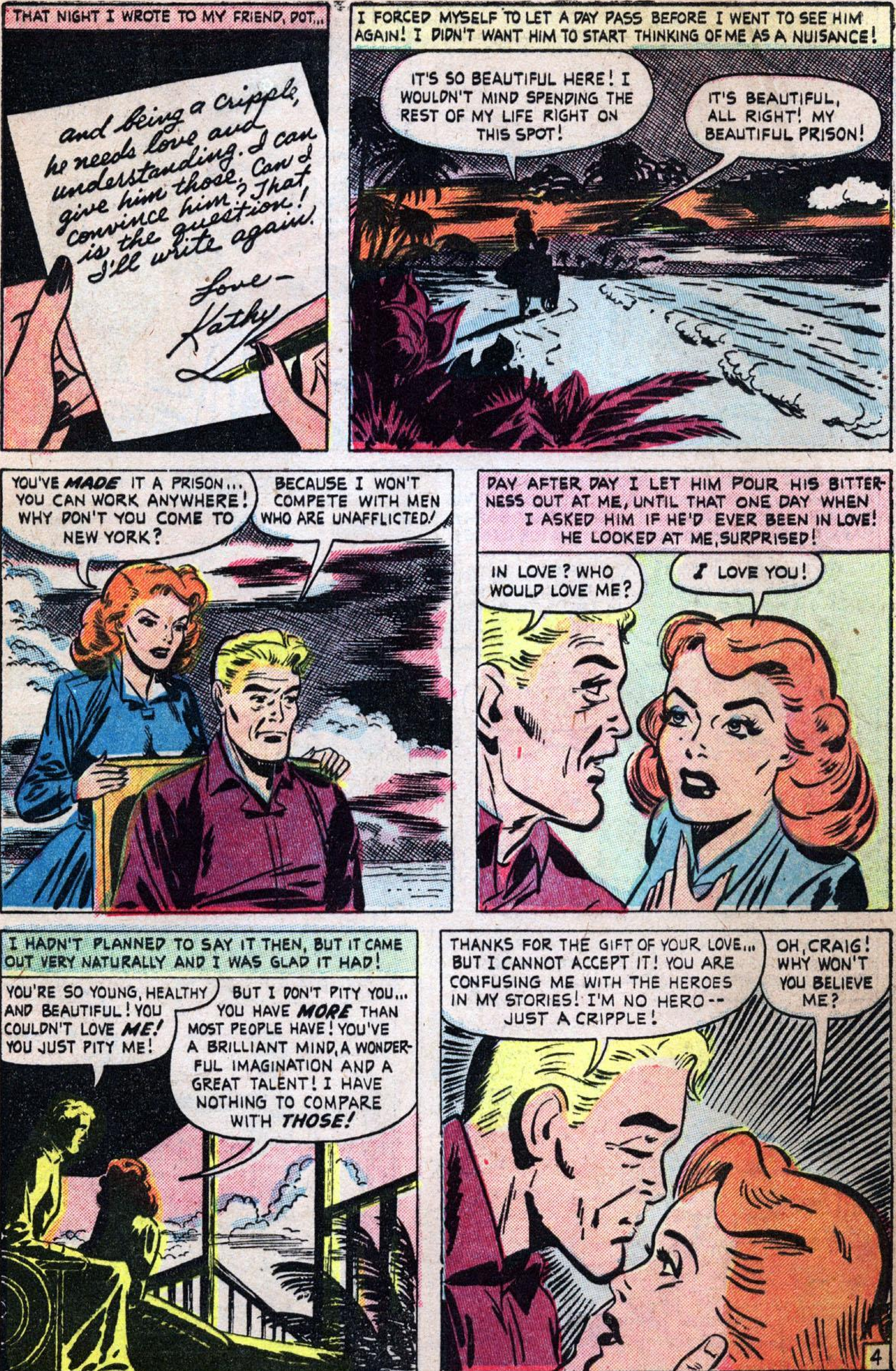
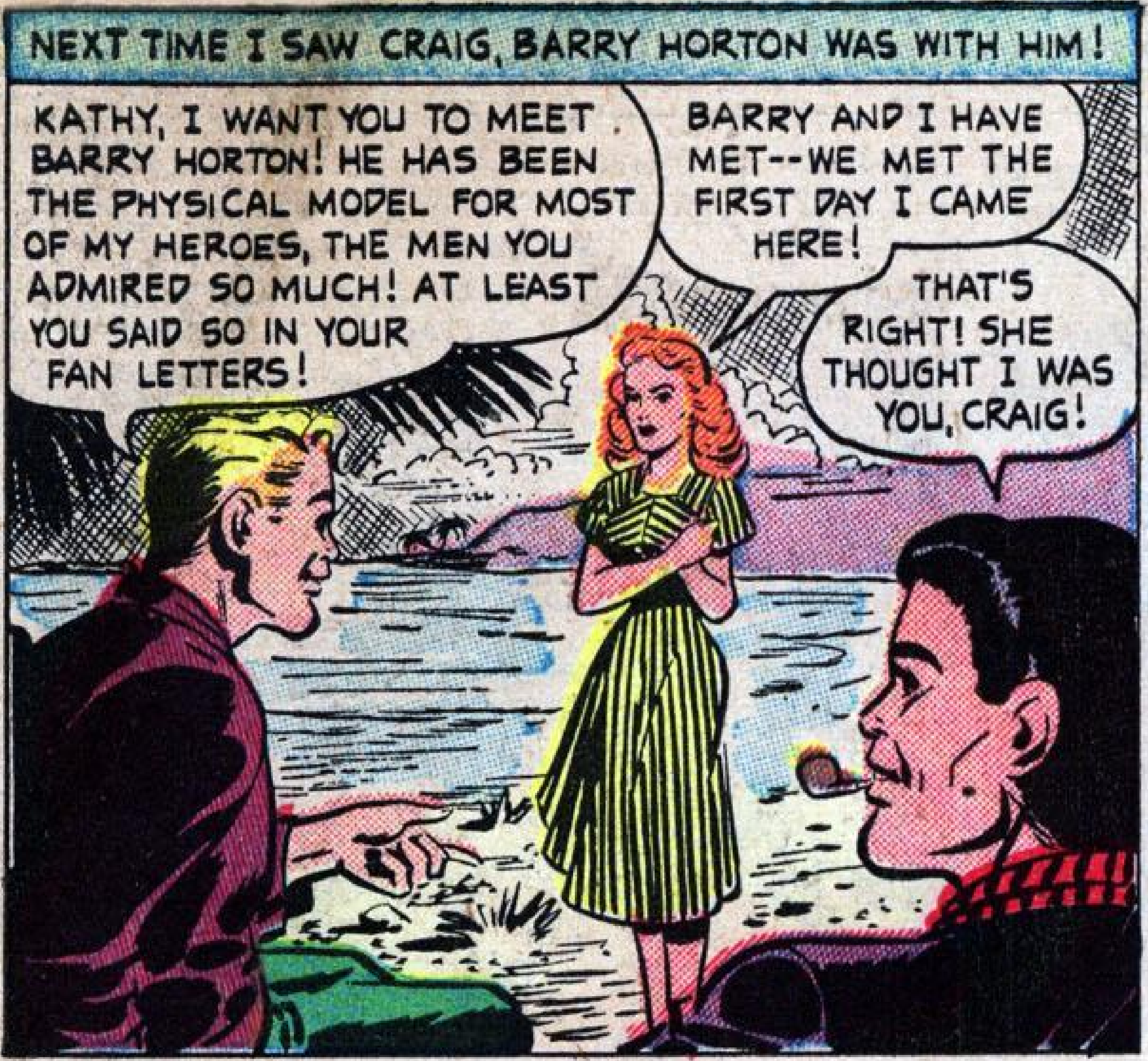
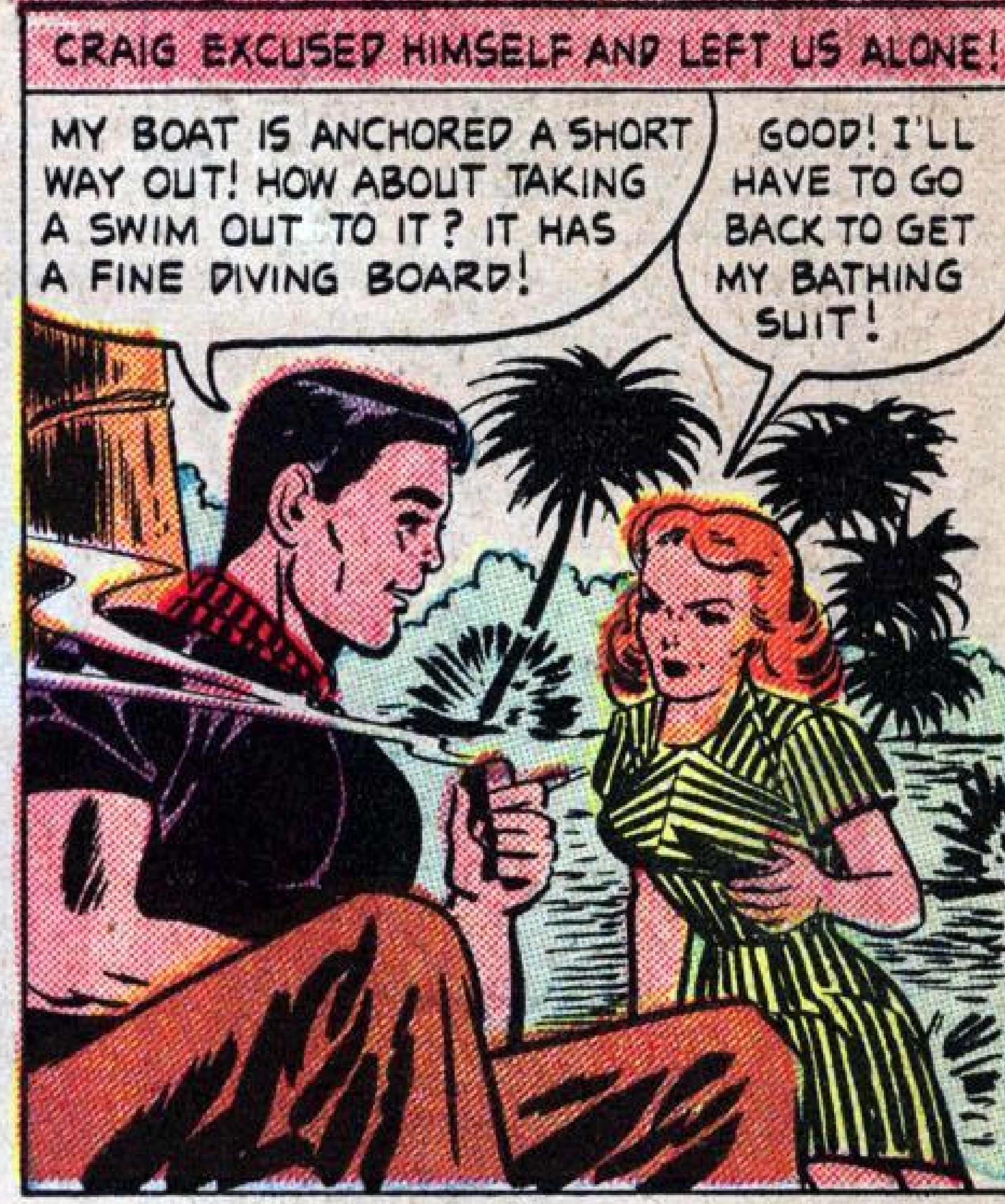
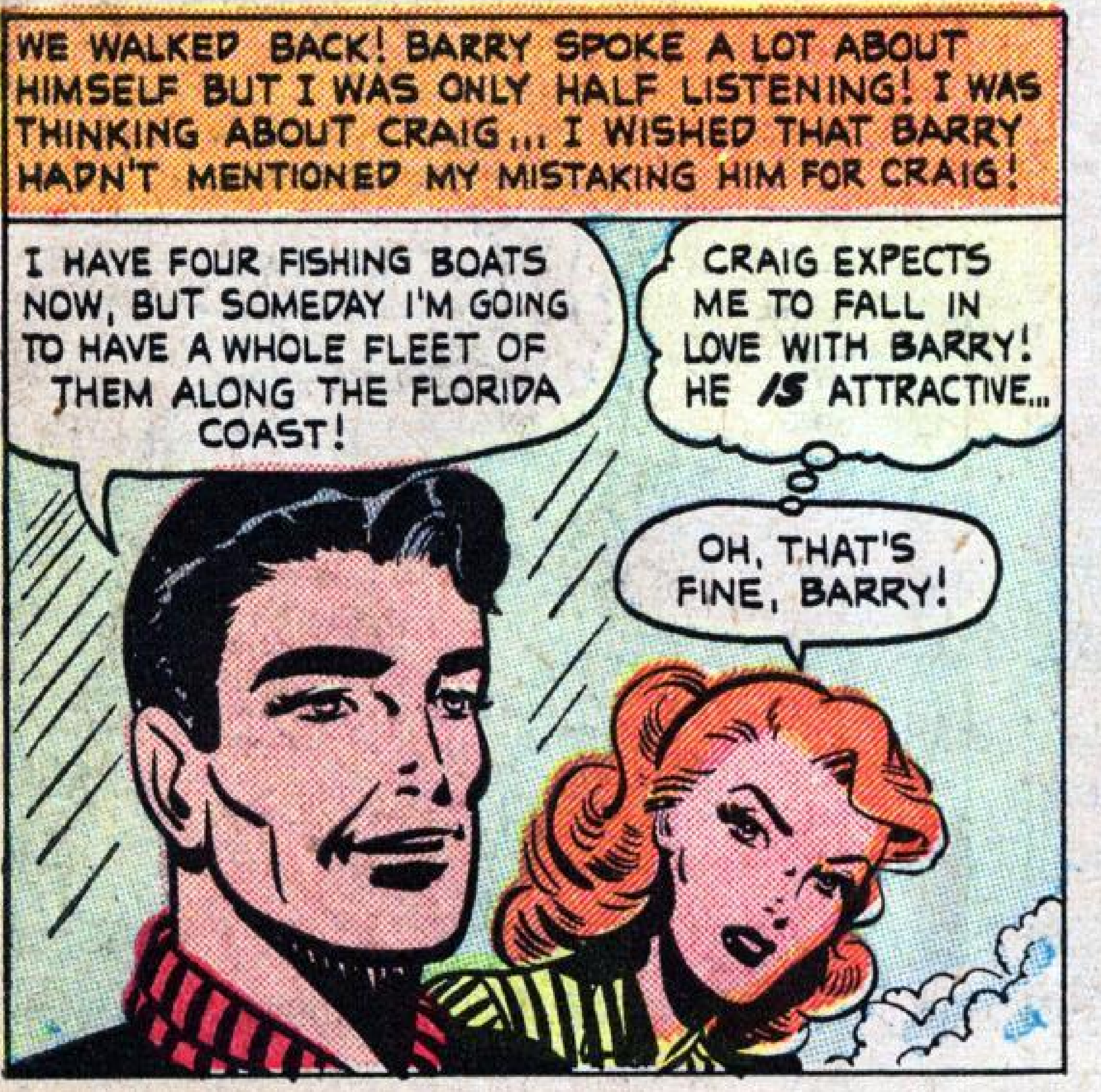

WHAT *DO* I KNOW ABOUT HIM? JUST THAT HE LIVES ON A SMALL ISLAND OFF THE FLORIDA COAST! IS IT BETTER TO HAVE AN ILLUSION DESTROYED OR GO THROUGH LIFE LOVING A MAN I'VE NEVER SEEN?
THE TRAIN TRIP FINALLY ENDED! I WAS FORTUNATE TO FIND A MAN WHO WOULD ROW ME OUT TO THE ISLAND!
IS THERE A HOTEL ON THE ISLAND WHERE I CAN STOP FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS?
WELL, I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT A HOTEL! MRS. KIMBROUGH TAKES GUESTS ... IT'S A NICE CLEAN PLACE AND SHE'S A MIGHTY GOOD COOK!
BROUGHT A GUEST FOR YOU, LOTTIE!
THANK YOU, GEORGE! REMEMBER ME TO YOUR WIFE! COME IN, MISS -- I'LL SHOW YOU THE ROOM!
IT'S LOVELY! I'M STAYING FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS! PERHAPS YOU COULD TELL ME WHERE I COULD FIND MR. CRAIG ROBERTS?
THE WRITER? HE'S AT THE OTHER END OF THE ISLAND! IT'S THE LAST HOUSE ... I GUESS YOU COULD WALK IT IN HALF AN HOUR! MAYBE LESS!
I SHOWERED AND CHANGED QUICKLY... THEN I STARTED ACROSS THE ISLAND! I WISH I'D THOUGHT OF ASKING MRS. KIMBROUGH IF CRAIG WAS MARRIED!
WHAT SHALL I SAY TO HIM...?
AS I APPROACHED THE HOUSE, A MAN CAME DOWN THE STEPS! WAS HE CRAIG? HE WAS HANDSOMER THAN I DREAMED! I HURRIED FORWARD, MY HEART BEATING WILDLY...
ARE *YOU* CRAIG ROBERTS?
NO... I'M BARRY HORTON! CRAIG IS INSIDE!

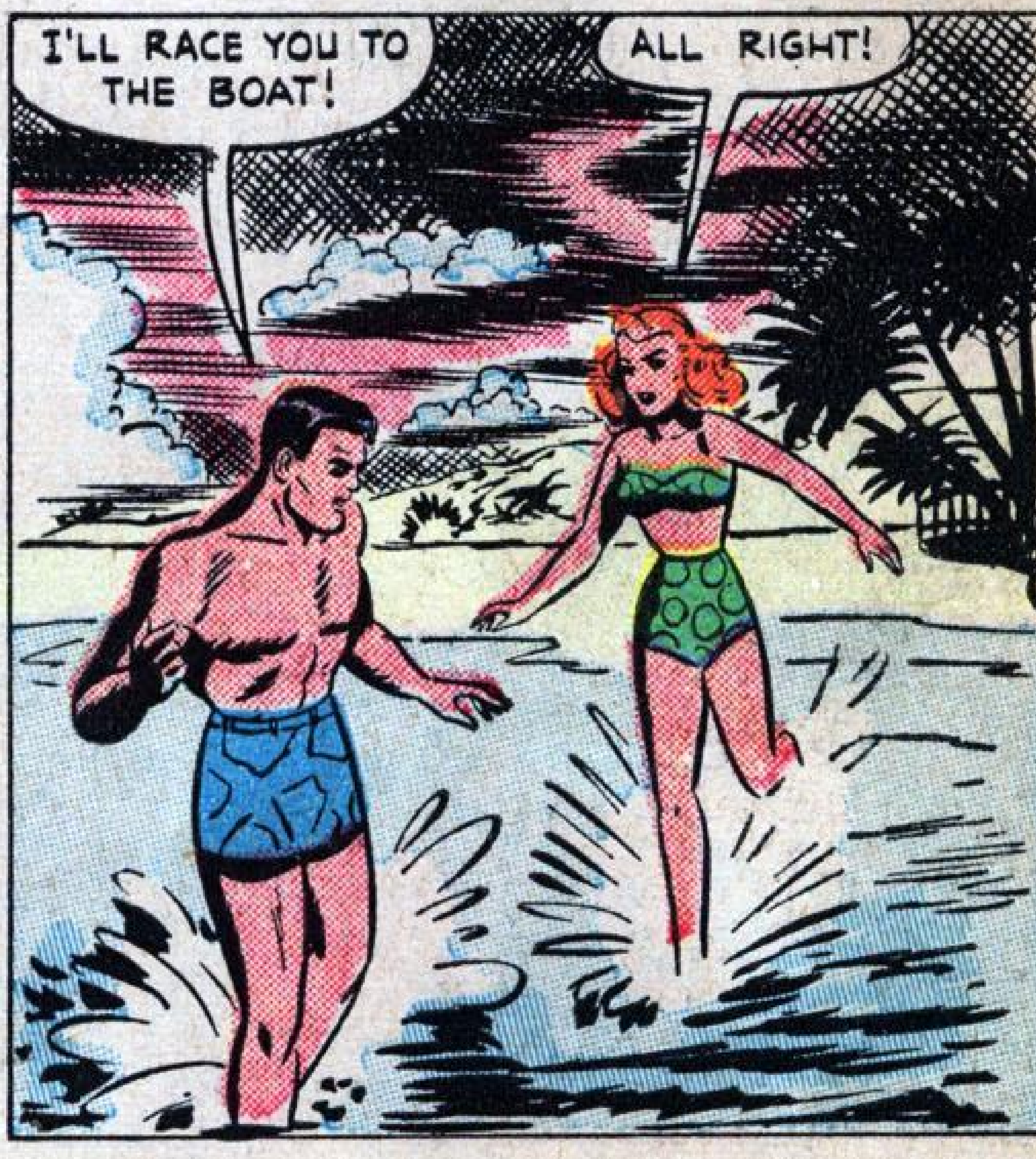

I MEANT TO ASK IF... IF HE'S ALONE?
EXCEPT FOR JULIO, HIS SERVANT! WHY?
NO REASON!
DO YOU ALWAYS ASK QUESTIONS FOR NO REASON? OH, WELL, I GUESS I'D BETTER BE ON MY WAY!
THE DOOR WAS OPEN AND I WALKED IN TIMIDLY!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY BURSTING IN HERE? WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY? AND *STOP STARING! IT'S RUDE!*
FOR A FEW MOMENTS I WAS SPEECHLESS! I'D TRIED TO ANTICIPATE EVERYTHING, BUT NOT THIS -- *A CRIPPLE!*
...I'M KATHY WILLIAMS!
KATHY WILLIAMS? THAT NAME IS FAMILIAR! OH YES, YOU'RE THE YOUNG LADY FROM MY PUBLISHER WHO'S BEEN SENDING ME FAN MAIL! THANKS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HE MOTIONED ME TO SIT DOWN! I NEEDED A CHAIR... MY LEGS WERE VERY WOBBLY!
I'M ON A VACATION! I'VE BEEN WANTING TO MEET YOU FOR SUCH A LONG TIME THAT I DECIDED TO COME HERE TO SEE YOU!
WELL, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU SEE?
HE SEEMED UNNECESSARILY CRUEL BUT I UNDERSTOOD--HIS AFFLICTION HAD MADE HIM BITTER! HIS FACE WOULD HAVE BEEN HANDSOME IF HE WERE HAPPY! SUDDENLY I WANTED MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD TO MAKE HIM HAPPY!
I'M STAYING AT MRS. KIMBROUGH'S! MAY I VISIT YOU AGAIN?
IF YOU WISH!

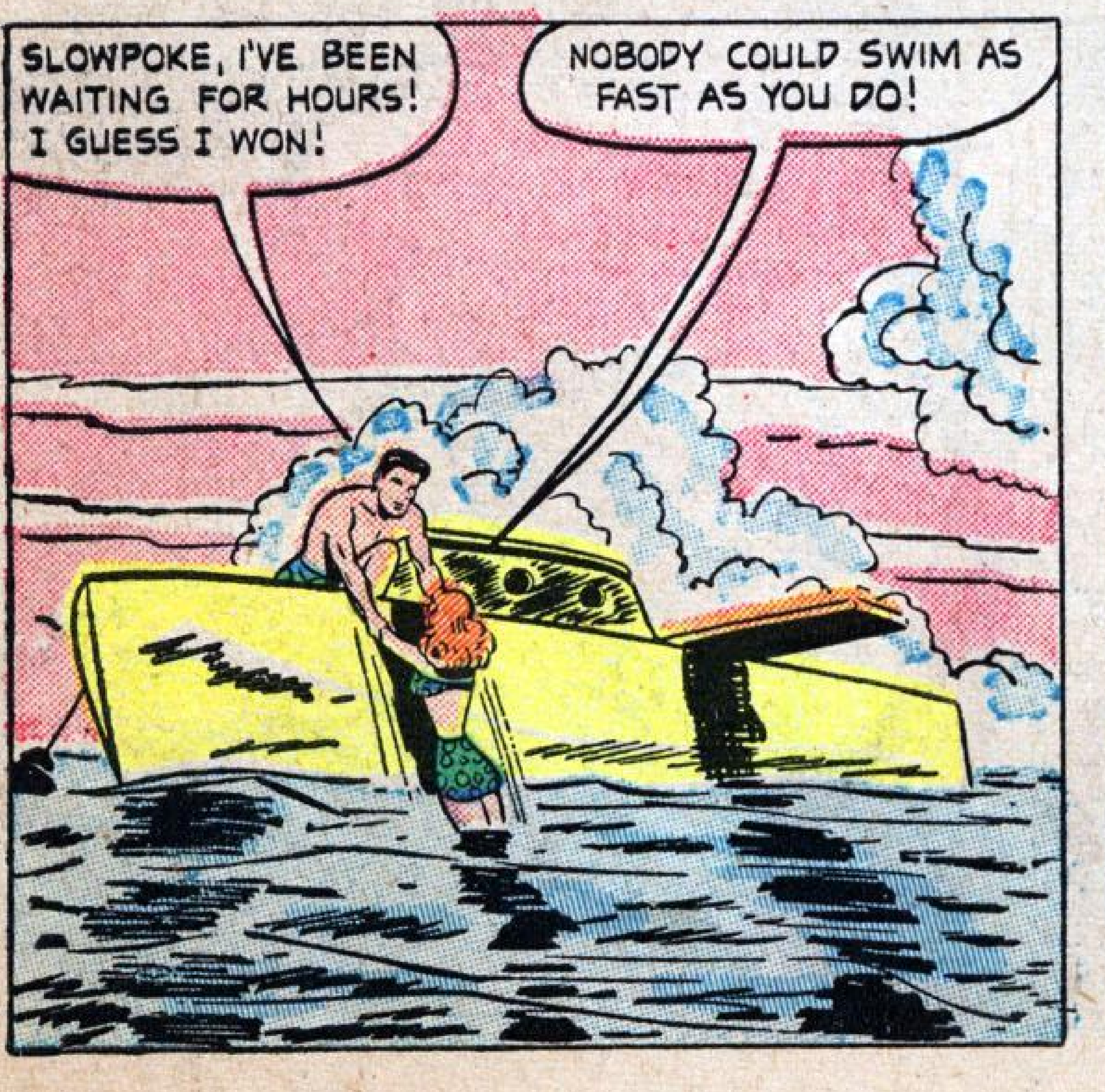

THAT NIGHT I WROTE TO MY FRIEND, DOT...
and being a cripple, he needs love and understanding. I can give him those. Can I convince him? That is the question! I'll write again.
Love— Kathy
I FORCED MYSELF TO LET A DAY PASS BEFORE I WENT TO SEE HIM AGAIN! I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO START THINKING OF ME AS A NUISANCE!
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL HERE! I WOULDN'T MIND SPENDING THE REST OF MY LIFE RIGHT ON THIS SPOT!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, ALL RIGHT! MY BEAUTIFUL PRISON!
YOU'VE MADE IT A PRISON... YOU CAN WORK ANYWHERE! WHY DON'T YOU COME TO NEW YORK?
BECAUSE I WON'T COMPETE WITH MEN WHO ARE UNAFFLICTED!
DAY AFTER DAY I LET HIM POUR HIS BITTERNESS OUT AT ME, UNTIL THAT ONE DAY WHEN I ASKED HIM IF HE'D EVER BEEN IN LOVE! HE LOOKED AT ME, SURPRISED!
IN LOVE? WHO WOULD LOVE ME?
I LOVE YOU!
I HADN'T PLANNED TO SAY IT THEN, BUT IT CAME OUT VERY NATURALLY AND I WAS GLAD IT HAD!
YOU'RE SO YOUNG, HEALTHY AND BEAUTIFUL! YOU COULDN'T LOVE ME! YOU JUST PITY ME!
BUT I DON'T PITY YOU... YOU HAVE MORE THAN MOST PEOPLE HAVE! YOU'VE A BRILLIANT MIND, A WONDERFUL IMAGINATION AND A GREAT TALENT! I HAVE NOTHING TO COMPARE WITH THOSE!
THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR LOVE... BUT I CANNOT ACCEPT IT! YOU ARE CONFUSING ME WITH THE HEROES IN MY STORIES! I'M NO HERO-- JUST A CRIPPLE!
OH, CRAIG! WHY WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?

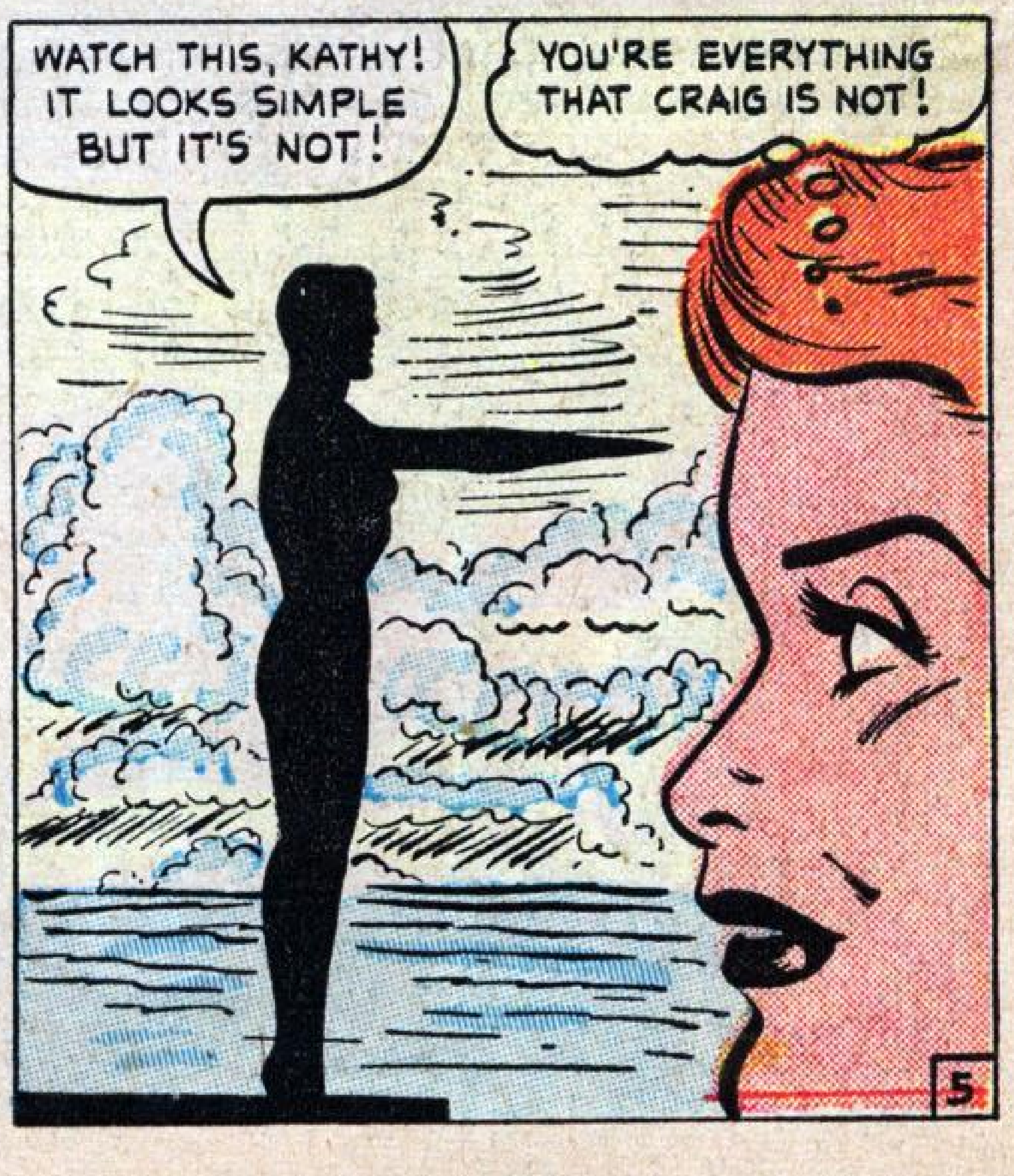

NEXT TIME I SAW CRAIG, BARRY HORTON WAS WITH HIM!
KATHY, I WANT YOU TO MEET BARRY HORTON! HE HAS BEEN THE PHYSICAL MODEL FOR MOST OF MY HEROES, THE MEN YOU ADMIRED SO MUCH! AT LEAST YOU SAID SO IN YOUR FAN LETTERS!
BARRY AND I HAVE MET--WE MET THE FIRST DAY I CAME HERE!
THAT'S RIGHT! SHE THOUGHT I WAS YOU, CRAIG!

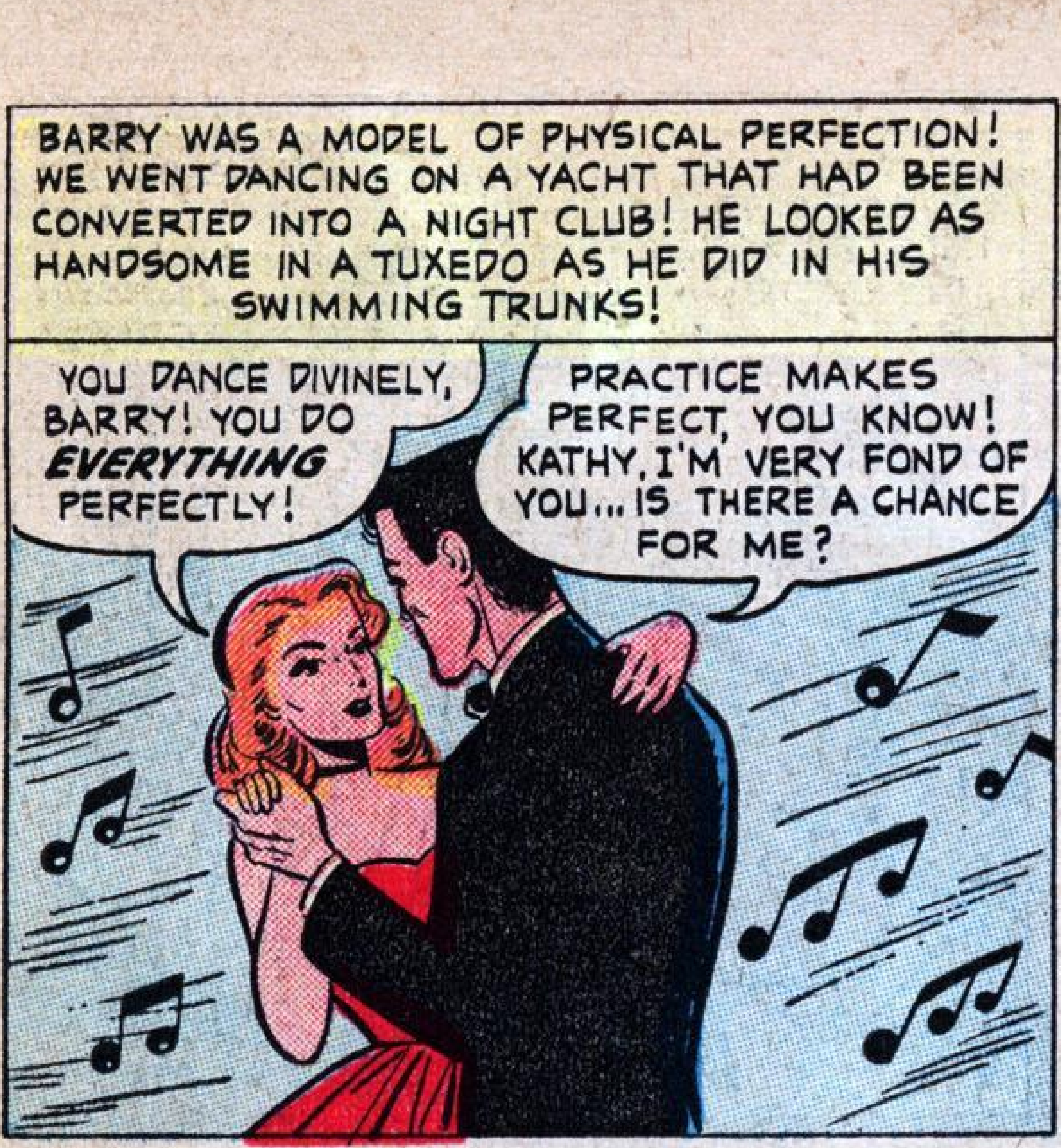

CRAIG EXCUSED HIMSELF AND LEFT US ALONE!
MY BOAT IS ANCHORED A SHORT WAY OUT! HOW ABOUT TAKING A SWIM OUT TO IT? IT HAS A FINE DIVING BOARD!
GOOD! I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO GET MY BATHING SUIT!

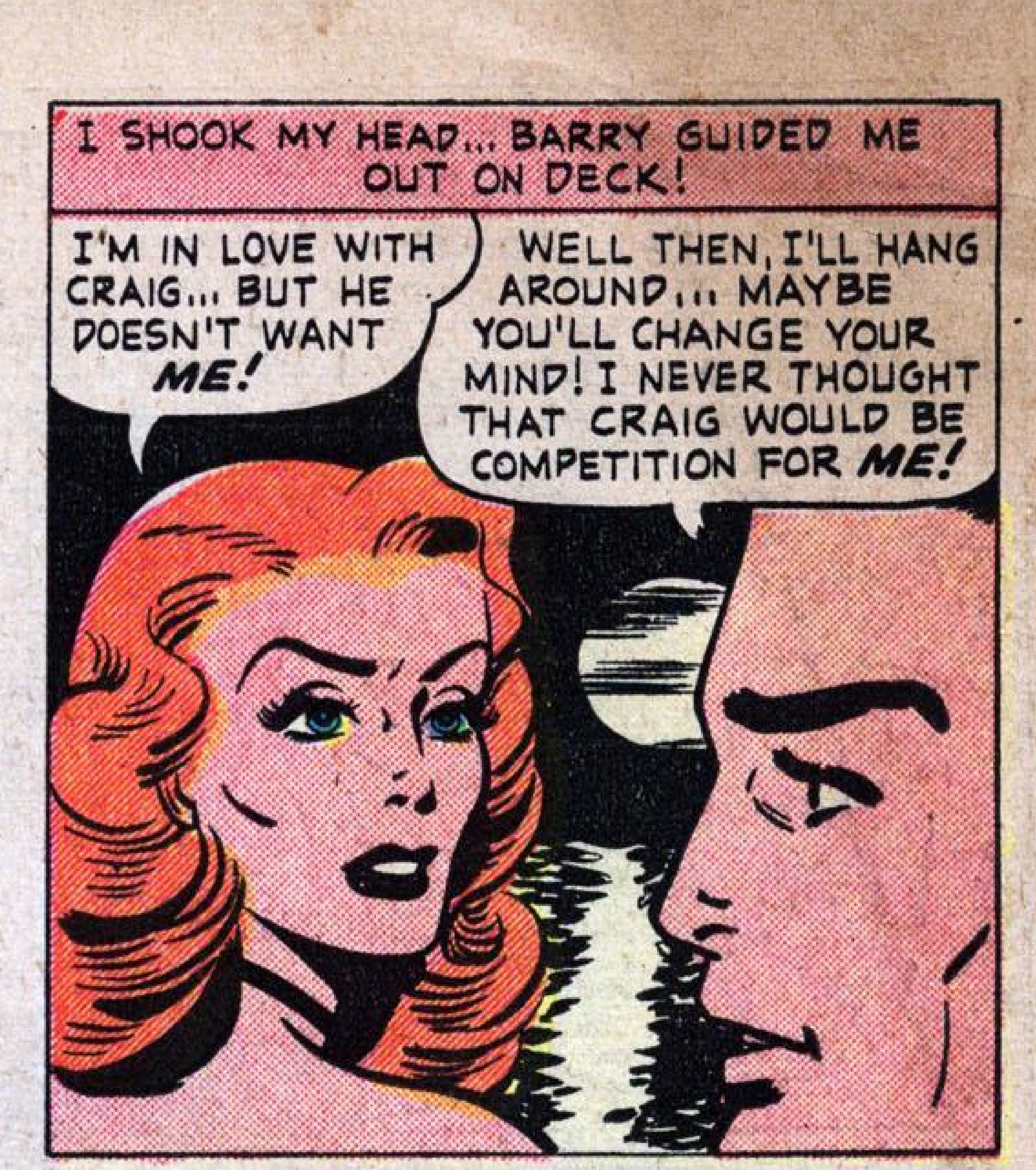

WE WALKED BACK! BARRY SPOKE A LOT ABOUT HIMSELF BUT I WAS ONLY HALF LISTENING! I WAS THINKING ABOUT CRAIG... I WISHED THAT BARRY HADN'T MENTIONED MY MISTAKING HIM FOR CRAIG!
I HAVE FOUR FISHING BOATS NOW, BUT SOMEDAY I'M GOING TO HAVE A WHOLE FLEET OF THEM ALONG THE FLORIDA COAST!
CRAIG EXPECTS ME TO FALL IN LOVE WITH BARRY! HE *IS* ATTRACTIVE...
OH, THAT'S FINE, BARRY!

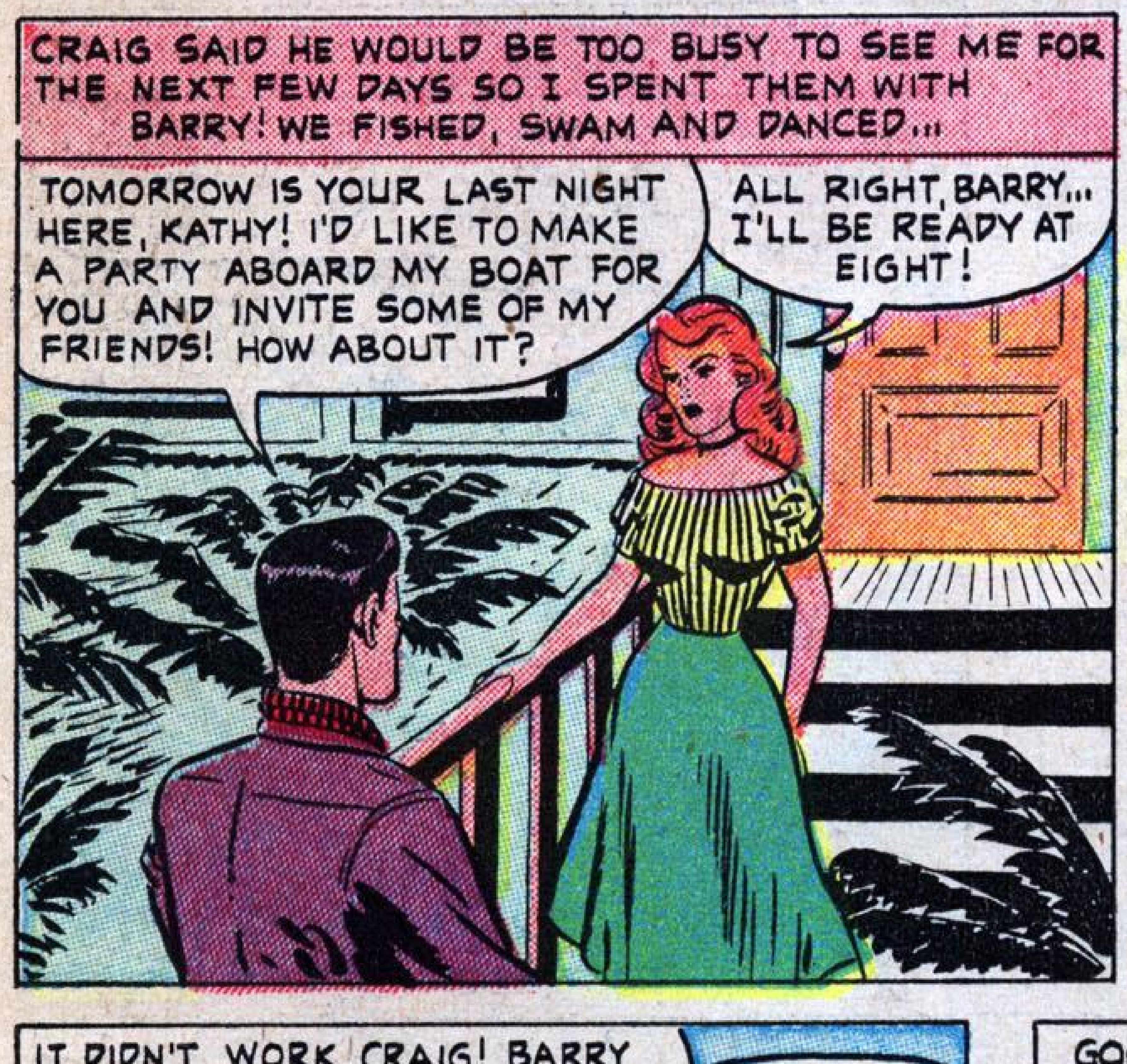

I'LL RACE YOU TO THE BOAT!
ALL RIGHT!

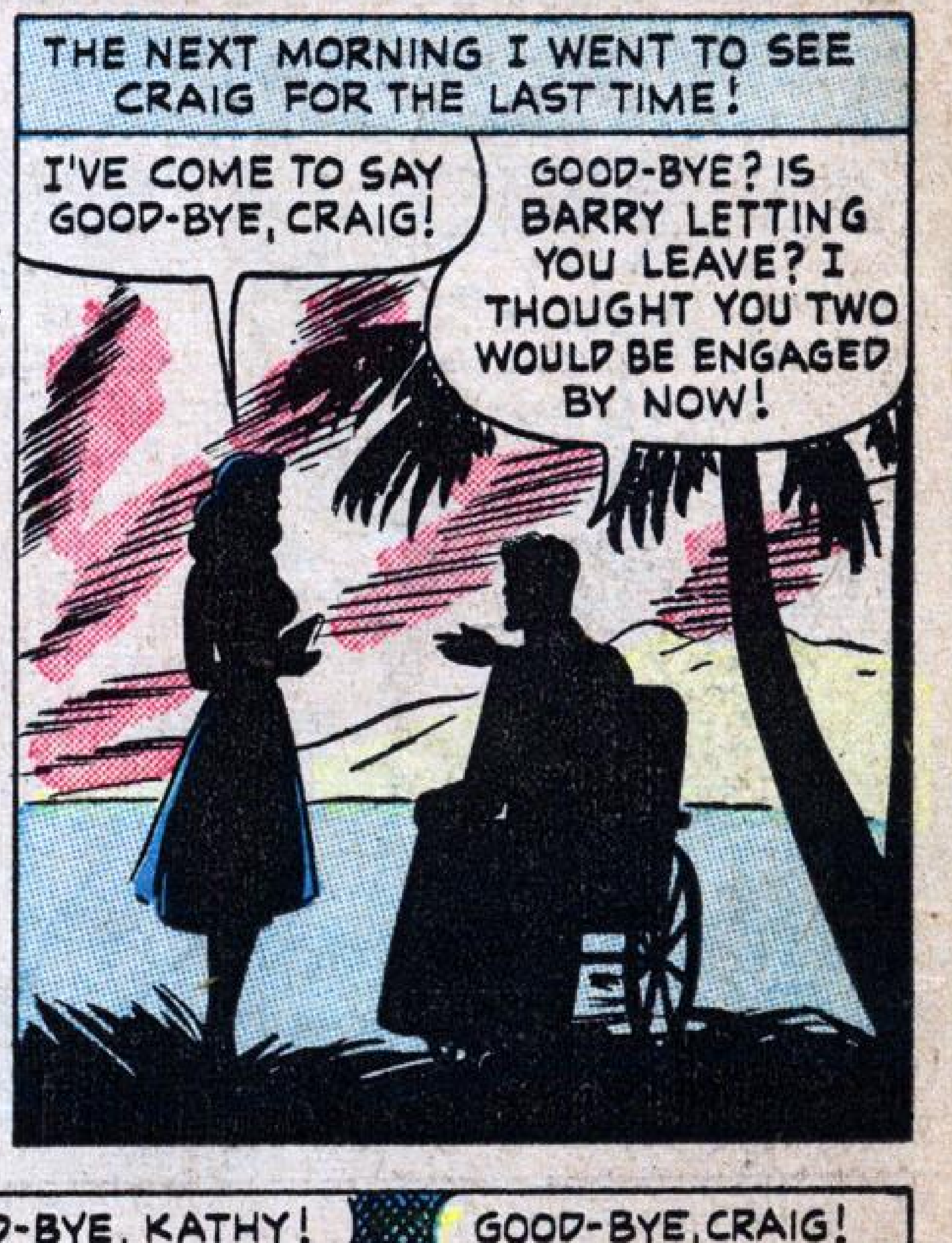

SLOWPOKE, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HOURS! I GUESS I WON!
NOBODY COULD SWIM AS FAST AS YOU DO!

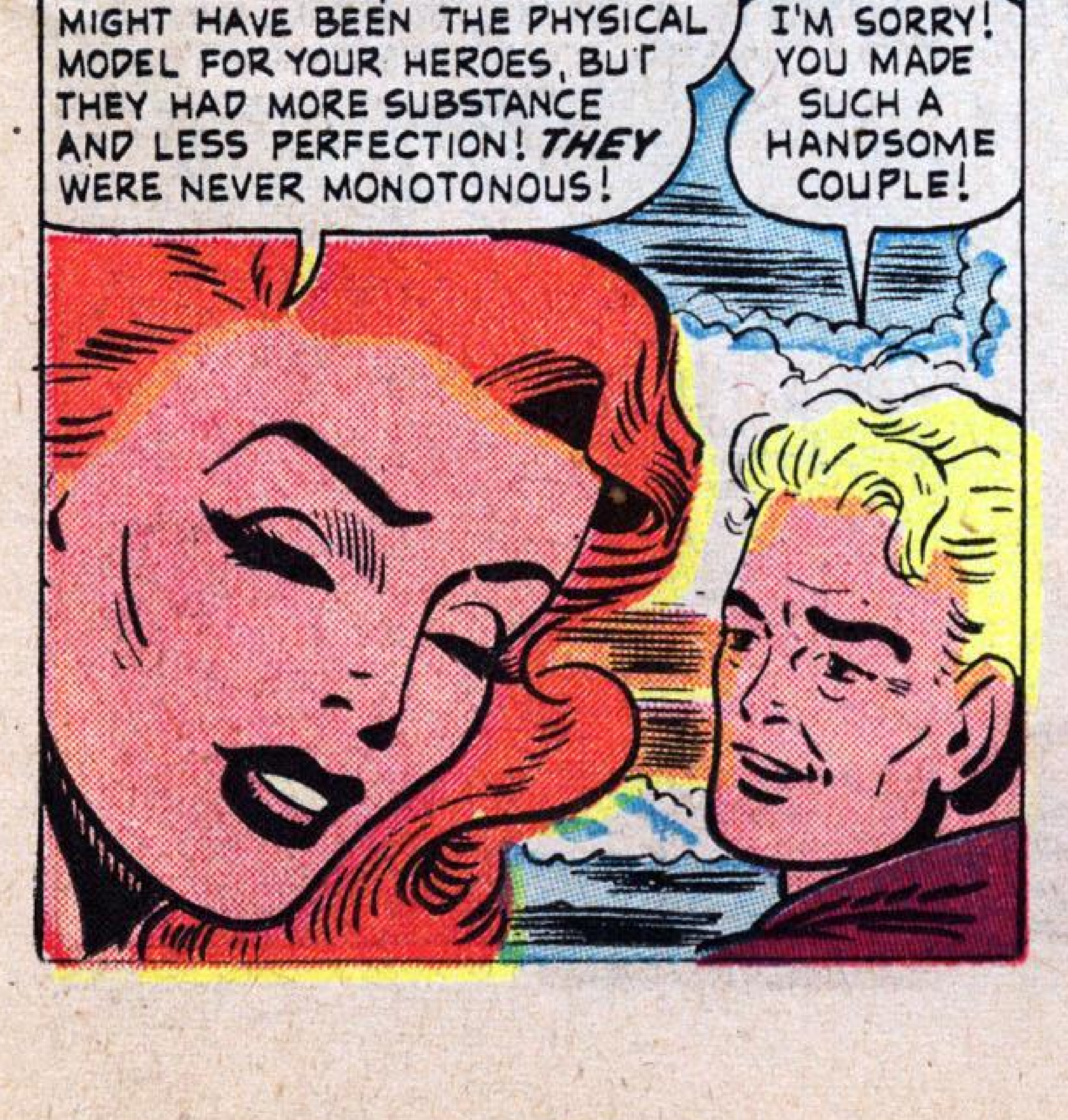

WATCH THIS, KATHY! IT LOOKS SIMPLE BUT IT'S NOT!
YOU'RE EVERYTHING THAT CRAIG IS NOT!

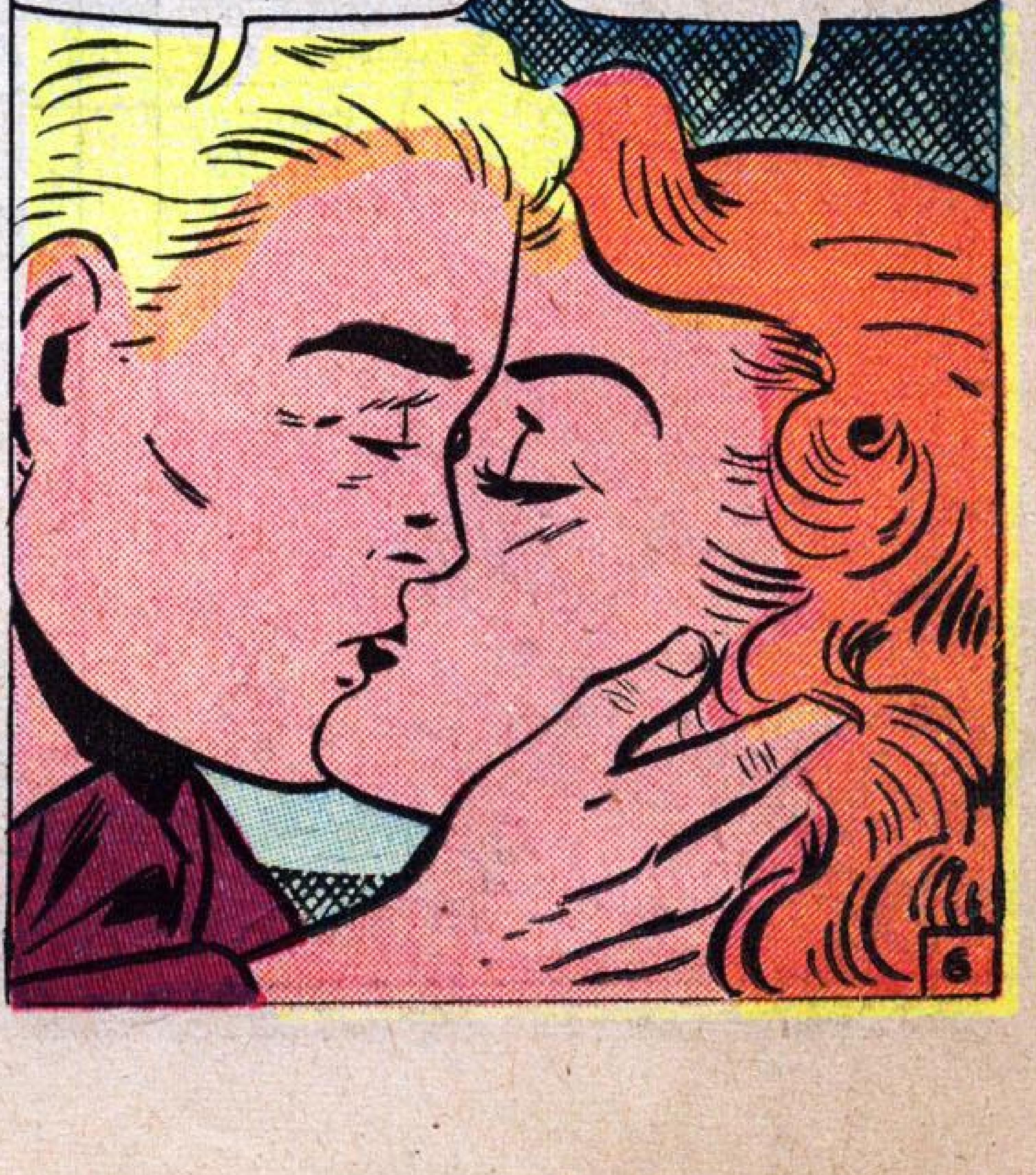

BARRY WAS A MODEL OF PHYSICAL PERFECTION! WE WENT DANCING ON A YACHT THAT HAD BEEN CONVERTED INTO A NIGHT CLUB! HE LOOKED AS HANDSOME IN A TUXEDO AS HE DID IN HIS SWIMMING TRUNKS!
YOU DANCE DIVINELY, BARRY! YOU DO *EVERYTHING* PERFECTLY!
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT, YOU KNOW! KATHY, I'M VERY FOND OF YOU... IS THERE A CHANCE FOR ME?

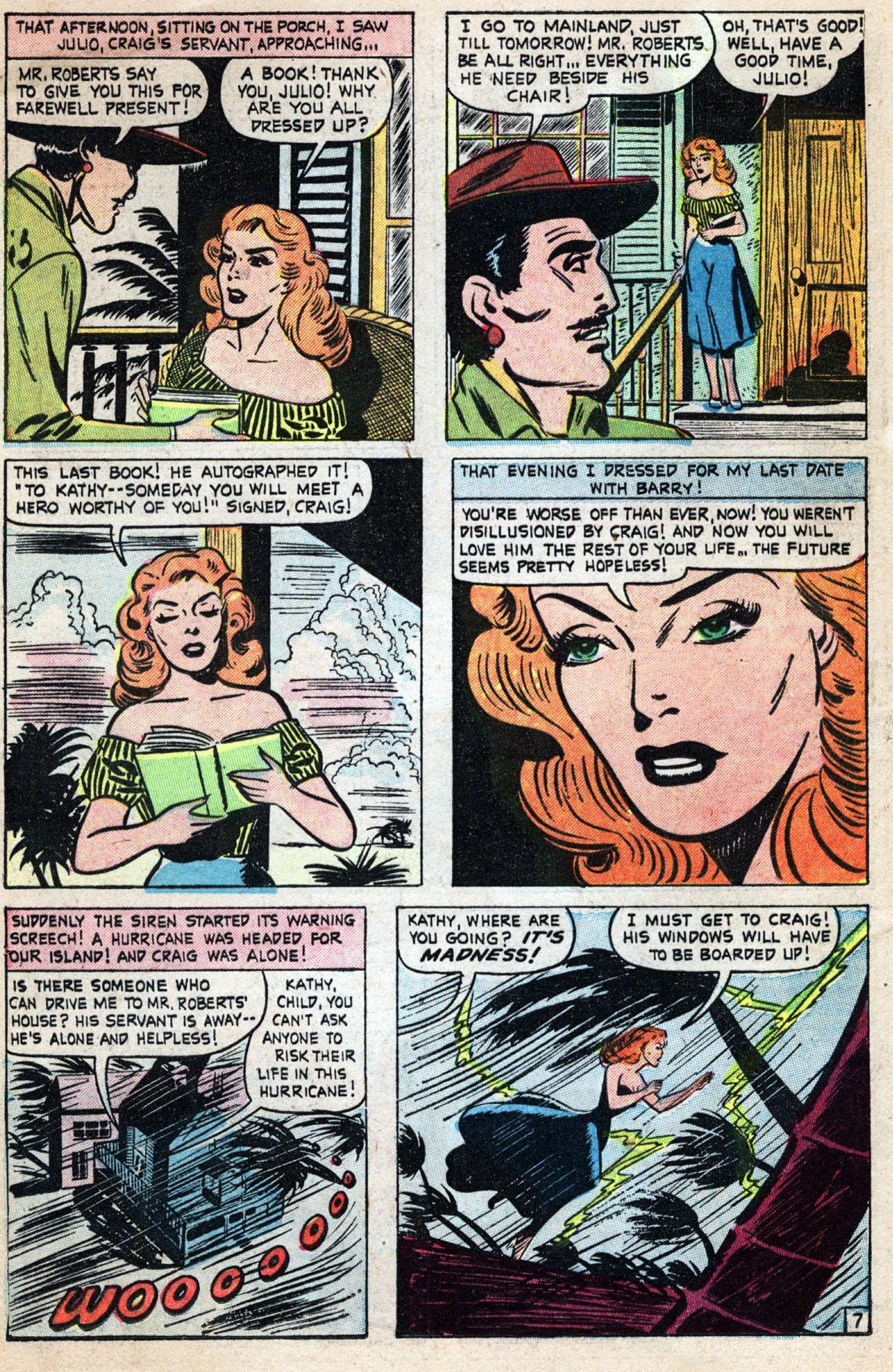

I SHOOK MY HEAD... BARRY GUIDED ME OUT ON DECK!
I'M IN LOVE WITH CRAIG... BUT HE DOESN'T WANT *ME!*
WELL THEN, I'LL HANG AROUND... MAYBE YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND! I NEVER THOUGHT THAT CRAIG WOULD BE COMPETITION FOR *ME!*

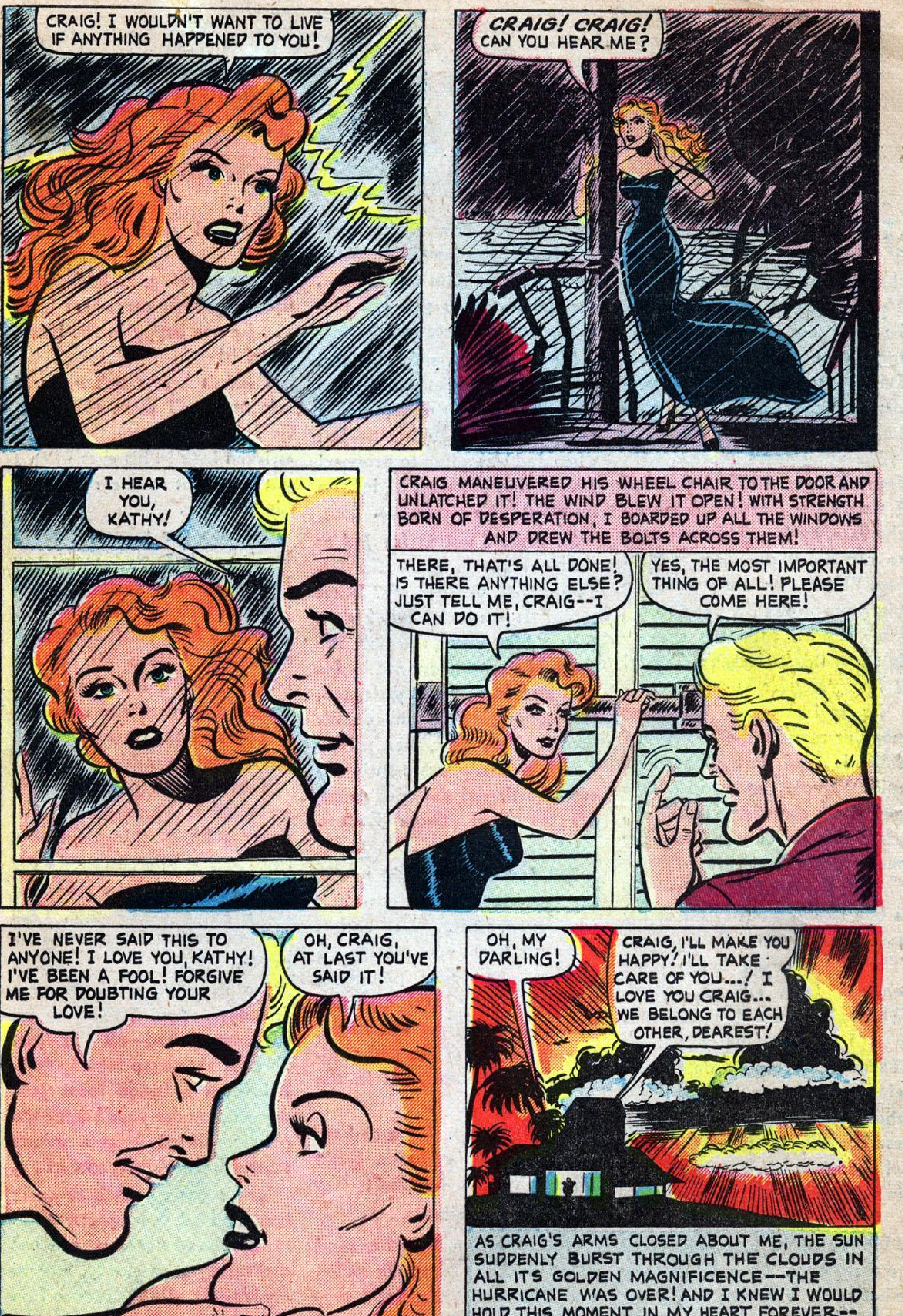

CRAIG SAID HE WOULD BE TOO BUSY TO SEE ME FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS SO I SPENT THEM WITH BARRY! WE FISHED, SWAM AND DANCED...
TOMORROW IS YOUR LAST NIGHT HERE, KATHY! I'D LIKE TO MAKE A PARTY ABOARD MY BOAT FOR YOU AND INVITE SOME OF MY FRIENDS! HOW ABOUT IT?
ALL RIGHT, BARRY... I'LL BE READY AT EIGHT!


THE NEXT MORNING I WENT TO SEE CRAIG FOR THE LAST TIME!
I'VE COME TO SAY GOOD-BYE, CRAIG!
GOOD-BYE? IS BARRY LETTING YOU LEAVE? I THOUGHT YOU TWO WOULD BE ENGAGED BY NOW!


IT DIDN'T WORK, CRAIG! BARRY MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE PHYSICAL MODEL FOR YOUR HEROES, BUT THEY HAD MORE SUBSTANCE AND LESS PERFECTION! *THEY* WERE NEVER MONOTONOUS!
I'M SORRY! YOU MADE SUCH A HANDSOME COUPLE!


GOOD-BYE, KATHY!
GOOD-BYE, CRAIG!


THAT AFTERNOON, SITTING ON THE PORCH, I SAW JULIO, CRAIG'S SERVANT, APPROACHING...
MR. ROBERTS SAY TO GIVE YOU THIS FOR FAREWELL PRESENT!
A BOOK! THANK YOU, JULIO! WHY ARE YOU ALL DRESSED UP?
I GO TO MAINLAND, JUST TILL TOMORROW! MR. ROBERTS BE ALL RIGHT... EVERYTHING HE NEED BESIDE HIS CHAIR!
OH, THAT'S GOOD! WELL, HAVE A GOOD TIME, JULIO!
THIS LAST BOOK! HE AUTOGRAPHED IT! "TO KATHY--SOMEDAY YOU WILL MEET A HERO WORTHY OF YOU!" SIGNED, CRAIG!
THAT EVENING I DRESSED FOR MY LAST DATE WITH BARRY!
YOU'RE WORSE OFF THAN EVER, NOW! YOU WEREN'T DISILLUSIONED BY CRAIG! AND NOW YOU WILL LOVE HIM THE REST OF YOUR LIFE... THE FUTURE SEEMS PRETTY HOPELESS!
SUDDENLY THE SIREN STARTED ITS WARNING SCREECH! A HURRICANE WAS HEADED FOR OUR ISLAND! AND CRAIG WAS ALONE!
IS THERE SOMEONE WHO CAN DRIVE ME TO MR. ROBERTS' HOUSE? HIS SERVANT IS AWAY-- HE'S ALONE AND HELPLESS!
KATHY, CHILD, YOU CAN'T ASK ANYONE TO RISK THEIR LIFE IN THIS HURRICANE!
WOOOOOOOO
KATHY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? *IT'S MADNESS!*
I MUST GET TO CRAIG! HIS WINDOWS WILL HAVE TO BE BOARDED UP!


CRAIG! I WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU!
CRAIG! CRAIG! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
I HEAR YOU, KATHY!
CRAIG MANEUVERED HIS WHEEL CHAIR TO THE DOOR AND UNLATCHED IT! THE WIND BLEW IT OPEN! WITH STRENGTH BORN OF DESPERATION, I BOARDED UP ALL THE WINDOWS AND DREW THE BOLTS ACROSS THEM!
THERE, THAT'S ALL DONE! IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE? JUST TELL ME, CRAIG--I CAN DO IT!
YES, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL! PLEASE COME HERE!
I'VE NEVER SAID THIS TO ANYONE! I LOVE YOU, KATHY! I'VE BEEN A FOOL! FORGIVE ME FOR DOUBTING YOUR LOVE!
OH, CRAIG, AT LAST YOU'VE SAID IT!
OH, MY DARLING!
CRAIG, I'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU...! I LOVE YOU CRAIG... WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER, DEAREST!
AS CRAIG'S ARMS CLOSED ABOUT ME, THE SUN SUDDENLY BURST THROUGH THE CLOUDS IN ALL ITS GOLDEN MAGNIFICENCE--THE HURRICANE WAS OVER! AND I KNEW I WOULD HOLD THIS MOMENT IN MY HEART FOREVER--THE FIRST MOMENT OF A LIFETIME OF LOVE! MY LIFETIME WITH CRAIG!
THE END

# READY FOR ROMANCE

JED looked so handsome, so lean and young and alive, that day on the parade ground. I was so proud of him, because he was being decorated for saving a youngster from drowning. But more: he was such a wonderful person; everybody loved him, but he loved me alone . . .

Me—pug-nosed Noreen Kirk from Tangle Bluff, Nebraska! I wasn't the prettiest Wave on the base, by far. Jed even used to call me "Funnyface." He'd say: "Your eyes are a little too big, your brow a little too broad, your nose a little too short—but I wouldn't change a freckle! I love you just as you are.

Pretty lucky girl. The most popular man in the outfit—my fellow! And last night he'd said: "Nooks, I want to talk to you about something tomorrow, after the ceremony. Wait for me at Ships Service."

Wait for him! I'd waited for a boy like Jed nearly all of my twenty-two years, it seemed! Through all those lonely years on the farm and at school. Through so many Legion socials and Ladies Auxiliary dances. Through dozens of dates with clumsy local boys, curious about that strange Noreen Kirk, who read poetry lying on the back of her horse when she was grazing the cattle . . .

I think it was a relief for Mom and Dad when I enlisted in the Waves. They didn't know what to do with me; they knew I was unhappy in Tangle Bluff and would have done anything to help, but how could they? It's funny, the people you love most, and who love you most, are the last ones you can talk to about your dreams.

Now Dad was sick. I'd just gotten Sue's special delivery before the dress parade, and I knew I had to go home—just when Jed was going to propose! I knew that was what he had on his mind . . . a girl knows.

So while I waited for Jed at the fountain in Ships Service, I pondered. What to say? What to do? It was such a relief when I saw him come through the door. He was surrounded by his pals and lots of the girls, too, still congratulating him on his medal. Yes, and that snippy Claire Kennedy was a little too enthusiastic—as she tried to get his attention. Those Eastern girls!

But Jed came straight to me, his face flushed and sparkling with excitement. "Hi, honey, sorry to keep you waiting. I had a tough time ploughing through all the kids! C'mon—let's be alone!" he concluded, waving off the others and guiding me to a booth off in the corner.

I couldn't talk, I was so happy, and so proud of him. What a guy! What a husband!

And what a shock . . .

The ice cream turned to mud in my mouth as his words spilled out. Not words of love and marriage, but cruel, selfish words of his career plans.

He had re-enlisted in the Navy!

That morning, he had signed up for another three-year hitch . . . he was happy in the Navy, loved it!

I didn't hear much more. I felt numb all over, then sick. So I didn't pay attention to the stricken look in his eyes when I got up, right in the middle of his babbling.

"What's the matter, Nooks? Don't you hear me? Don't you hear what I'm saying? Don't you care?"

"Yes, I hear you," I responded dully. "Have fun in the Navy. Have a lot of fun!" I turned away then and stumbled off, because the tears were starting to dam up inside.

That night, I got emergency leave from Personnel Office, threw a lot of things into my bags, and wandered around the airport till I caught a ride on a Navy plane to Chicago, then took the train from there home to Nebraska.

I didn't sleep much the next few days. And I used up all the tears I had—all the tears I would ever have for any man. I learned a lesson from Jed: never surrender your heart completely, always keep a corner reserved. Insurance, sort of . . .

There was so much to do at home. Dad was pretty sick. He'd been operated on and was recovering very slowly, and so my family didn't notice how quiet I was; everybody was quiet around the house and busy till

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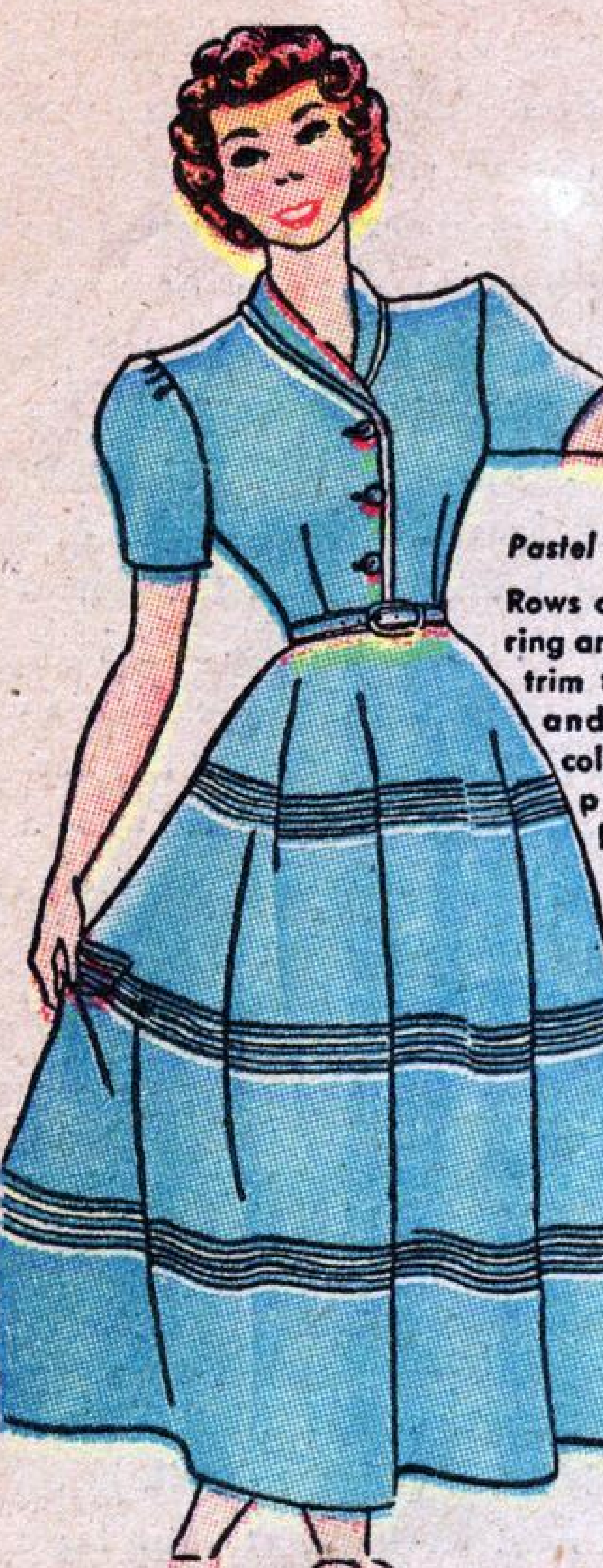

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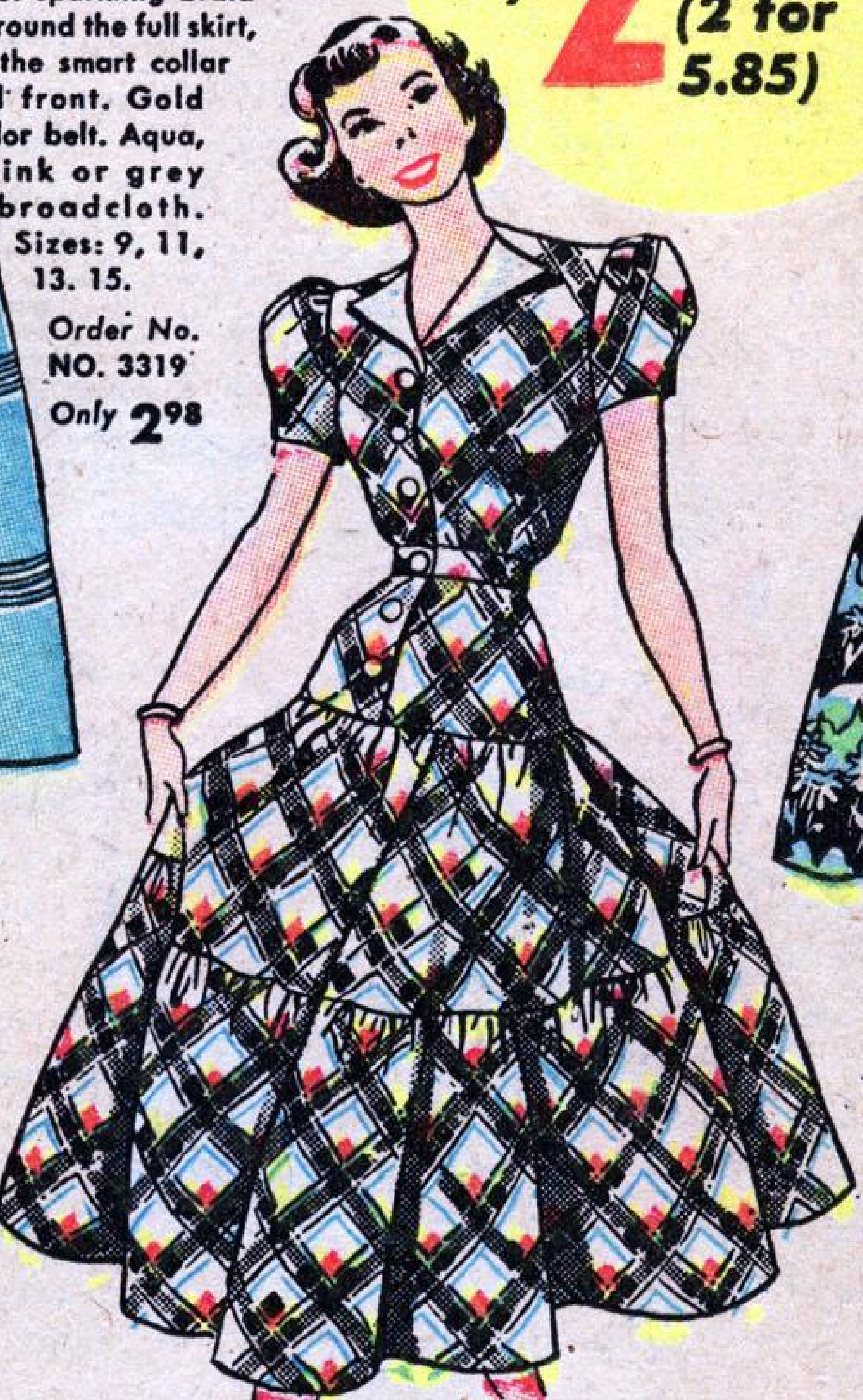

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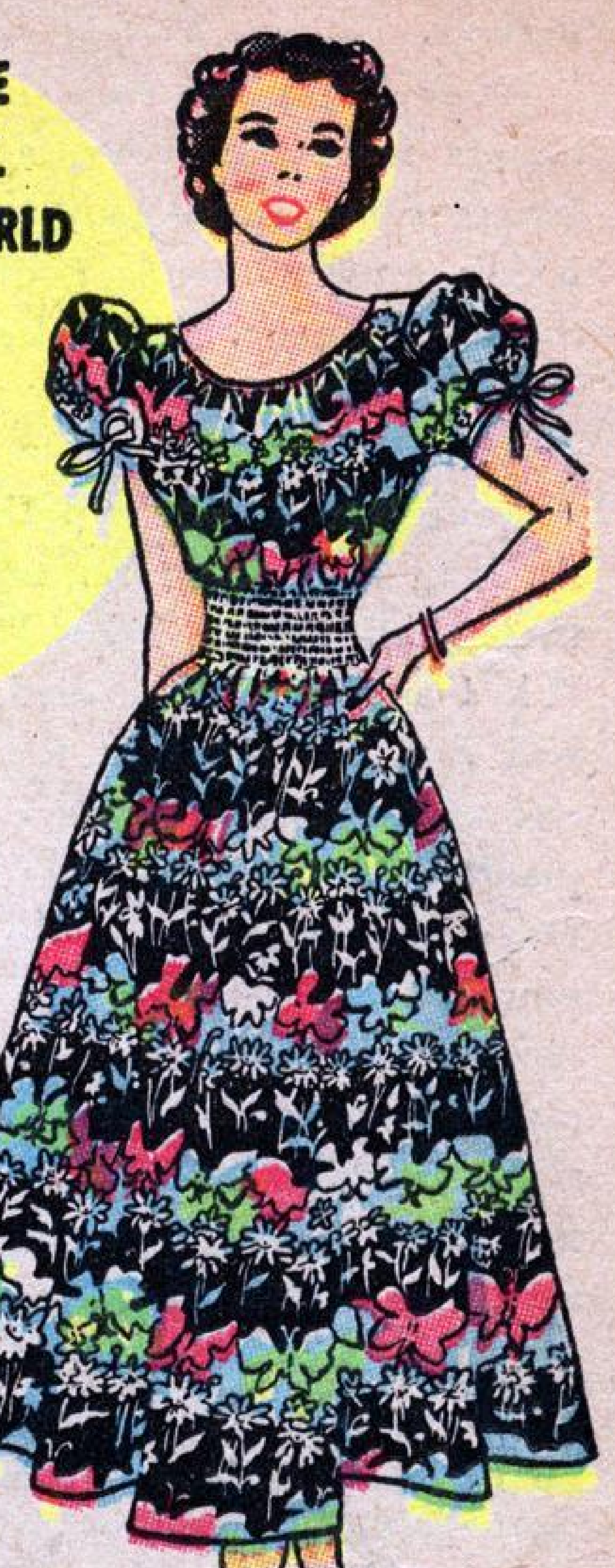

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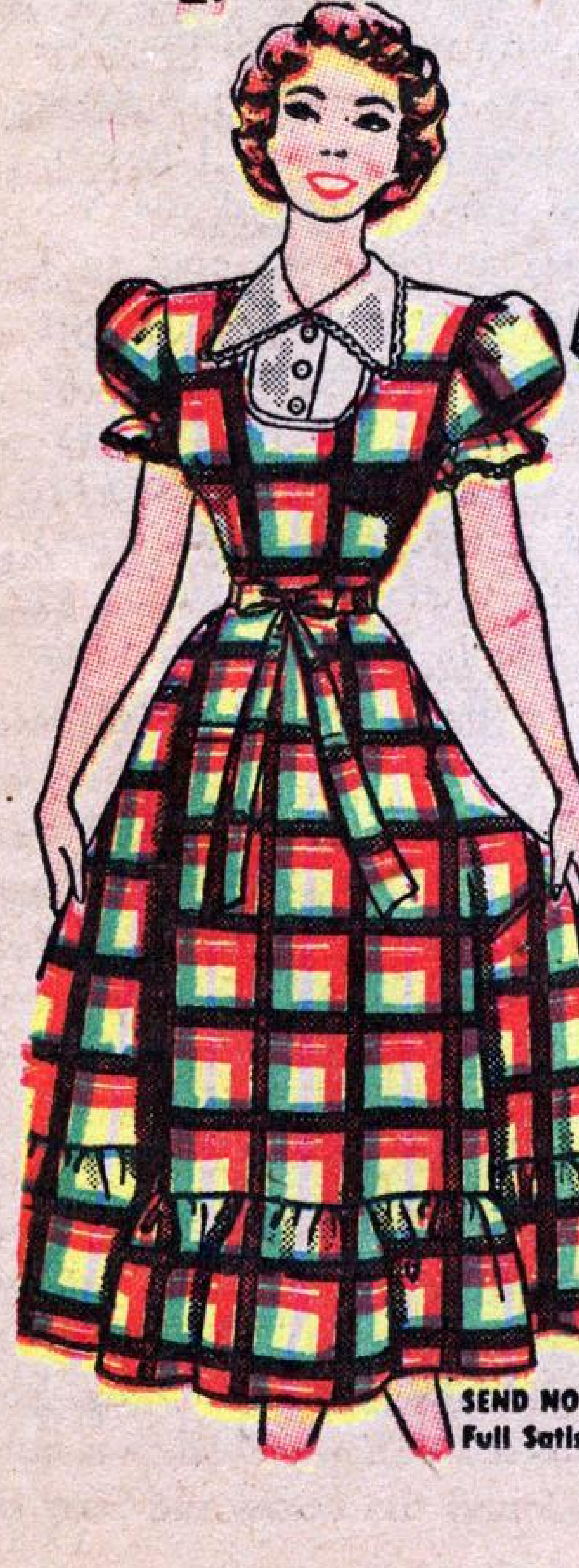

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bedtime. The days were filled with nursing and housekeeping and farm chores; the nights with despair.

After I got my special discharge from the Navy, a few letters came from Jed, but I didn't answer them. I didn't open them, even. What was the use? Healing was so slow as it was . . .

Dave was a big help there. As long as I could remember, there had always been Dave. When my pup, Iris, died, he had dug the grave at the far end of the magnolia grove and planted the little hedge of irises. Dave carried my books to school; Dave was my prom date—when I couldn't find anyone else to take me. That was the whole trouble with him. He was good, and kind, and strong and steady as a field of tall corn—and just about as exciting!

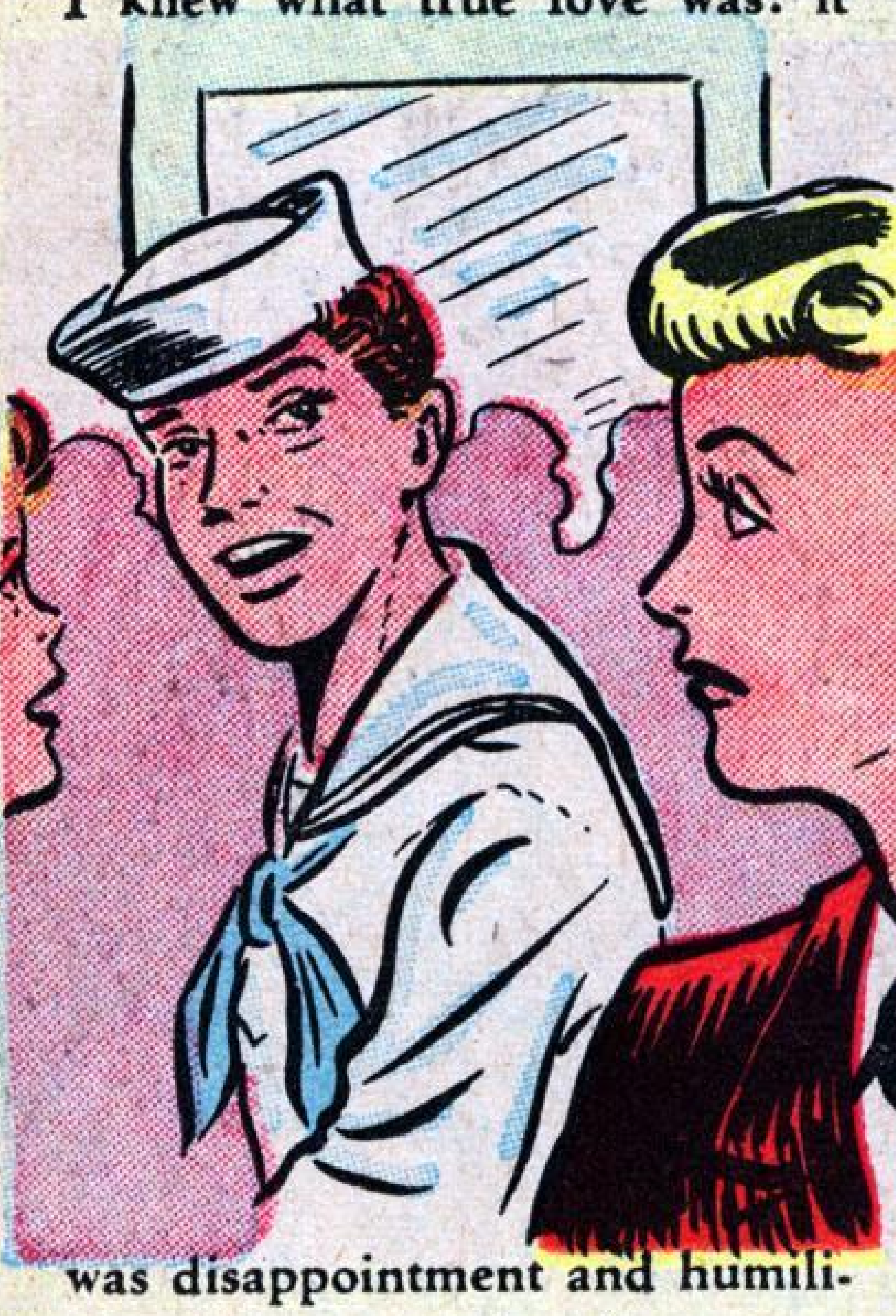
But at this time in my life, he fitted in perfectly. He was quiet and didn't ask questions, took me to church Sundays and dropped around pretty often in the long summer evenings, when Dad was on the mend. Dave was good for me; he brought calm and stability to my sore and smarting soul.

Just once, he plucked the wrong string, "Your mother told me last spring that you were fixin' to . . . that she thought you were pretty serious about . . ." then he trailed off lamely.

"Oh yes, Jed—that must have been Jed!" I cut in breezily, or tried to, anyway. "That was nothing! Just Navy pals, you know. All the kids paired off—it was lots of fun that way, but nothing more!"

"I just wanted to be sure, Noreen, sure you don't care about another fellow. I'm not a-callin' on you any more like when we were kids. Noreen, I'm no great shakes, but I think you know you can count on me. I'll make you a good husband, because I've always cared for you. There's never been another girl for me—Noreen, will you—please—will you be my wife?"

The words were fairly tumbling out in his embarrassment, and I knew I must be gentle when I refused his proposal. But then I thought—why refuse? To wait for true love? I knew what true love was: it was disappointment and humiliation. I was confused.



"I don't know, Dave. I'm pretty worn out, caring for Dad; I just haven't had time to think about myself, my feelings. You know I'm fond of you but give me time, will you? I want to be sure, Dave, and not come to you just as an escape . . ."

He didn't say anything, but he lowered his head sadly.

"Dave, I'm leaving in a few weeks for the University at Lincoln. I'll get some perspective, once I'm away from the farm, and I'll be able to think clearly again. Right now, I'm pretty mixed up. Please be patient with me . . . I'll be home in November, and we'll decide then what we want to do. Okay?"

"You know anything you want is all right with me, Noreen. I'll wait. I've waited so long already, I know how to."

That was the way we left it. That was what I was thinking about when I left the farm, when I arrived in Lincoln, and when I unpacked in the dormitory . . .

—and when I came face to face with Jed, rounding the corner into R Street. It was a breathless, shocked moment; then I made up my mind to be very casual, even friendly, but quite detached and self-contained.

But it was no use. His handsome face glowing with joy and excitement, he swamped, me with enthusiasm. "Nooks, oh, sweetheart, am I glad to see you! I was going to walk in on you next weekend at your farm and find out what all the mystery was about—why you never answered my letters! I just arrived here. I picked the V-6 course at Nebraska only so I could be near you! I'm going to be an officer, in a year or maybe less! I'm on my way! We can get married! I can afford a wife now—even more! That's what I was starting to tell you in Ships Service when you walked out on me that night!

"But say!" he frowned suddenly, "why *did* you walk out on me? You've got a lot of explaining to do, young lady, before you can be an officer's wife!"

But his lips were so warm, and his arms so warm and strong about me, I knew he'd understand how silly a girl can be . . . when she's in love at last!

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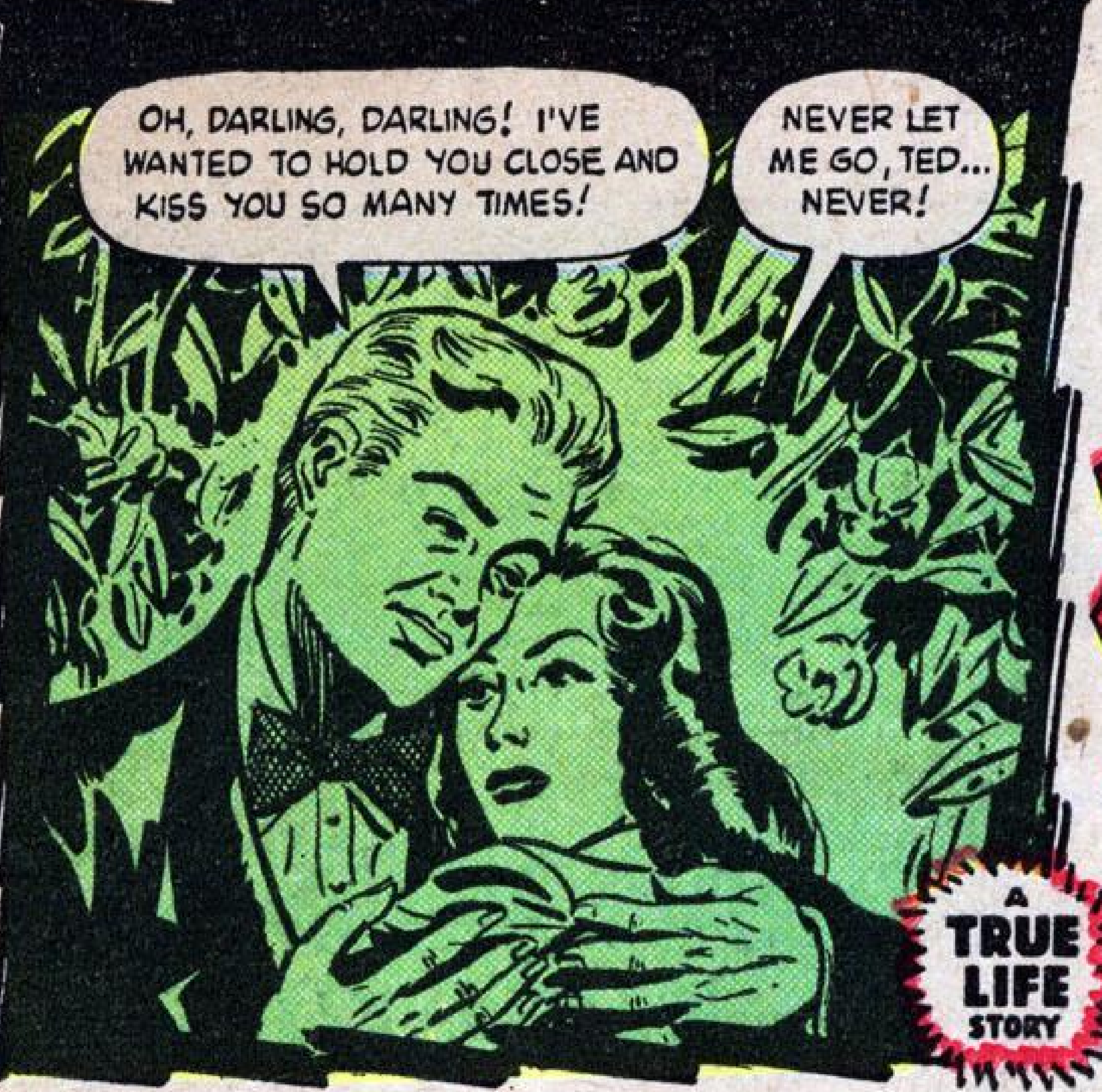
OH, DARLING, DARLING! I'VE WANTED TO HOLD YOU CLOSE AND KISS YOU SO MANY TIMES!
NEVER LET ME GO, TED... NEVER!
A TRUE LIFE STORY

WAS I NEVER DESTINED TO FIND LOVE? IT SEEMED THAT EVERY MAN I MET LACKED ONE QUALITY WHICH I SO EAGERLY SOUGHT... EVERY MAN EXCEPT TED, BUT I DARED NOT DREAM OF MARRYING ***HIM!***

# MY HEART WAS A FOOTBALL FOR TOO MANY MEN!

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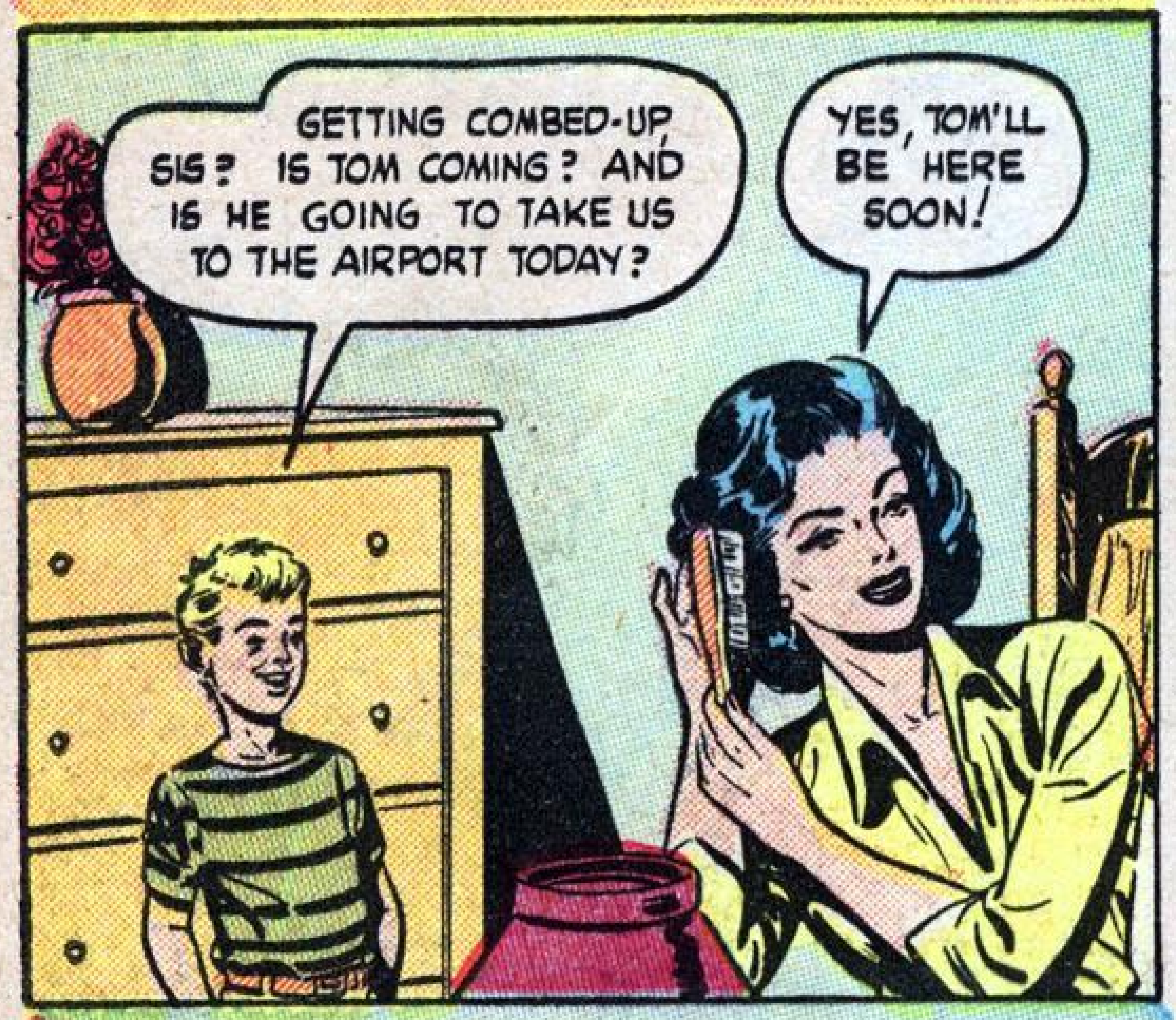
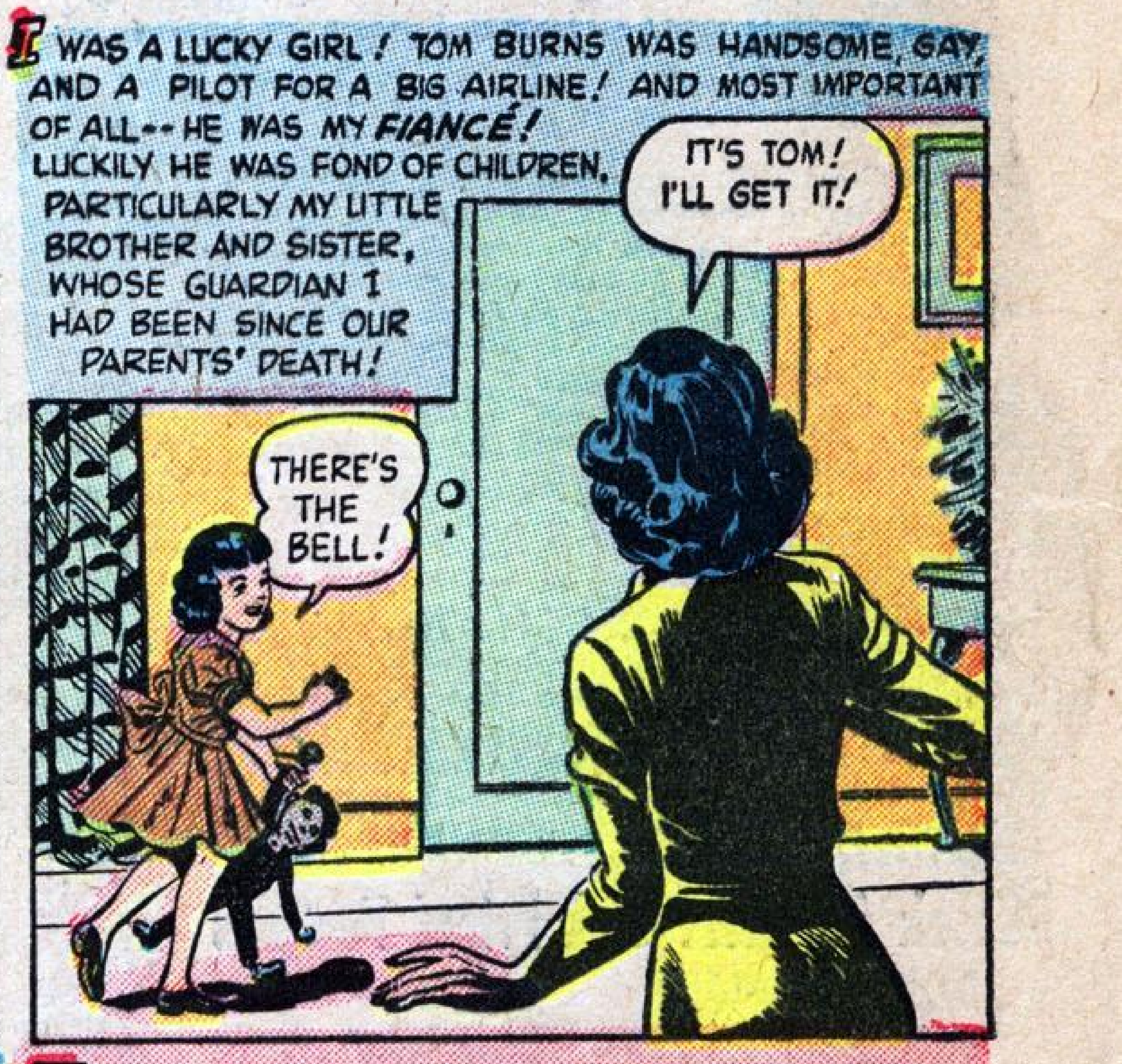
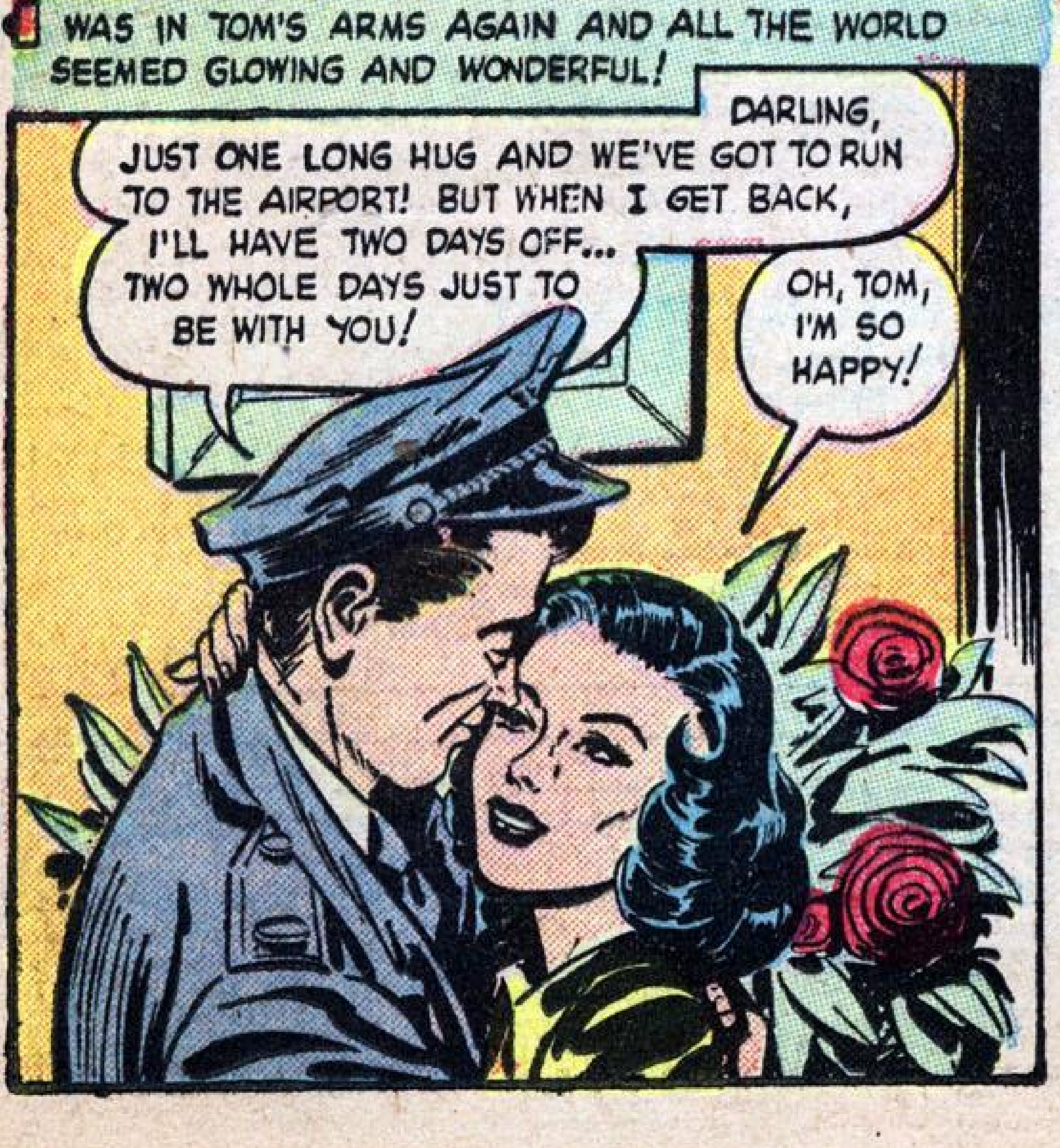
THE ONE THING I REMEMBER CLEARLY ABOUT THAT DAY WAS THE STRONG SENSE OF IMPENDING DISASTER I FELT AS I WATCHED TOM GO! BUT EARLIER, I KNOW, I FELT SECURE AND HAPPY...


GETTING COMBED-UP, SIS? IS TOM COMING? AND IS HE GOING TO TAKE US TO THE AIRPORT TODAY?
YES, TOM'LL BE HERE SOON!

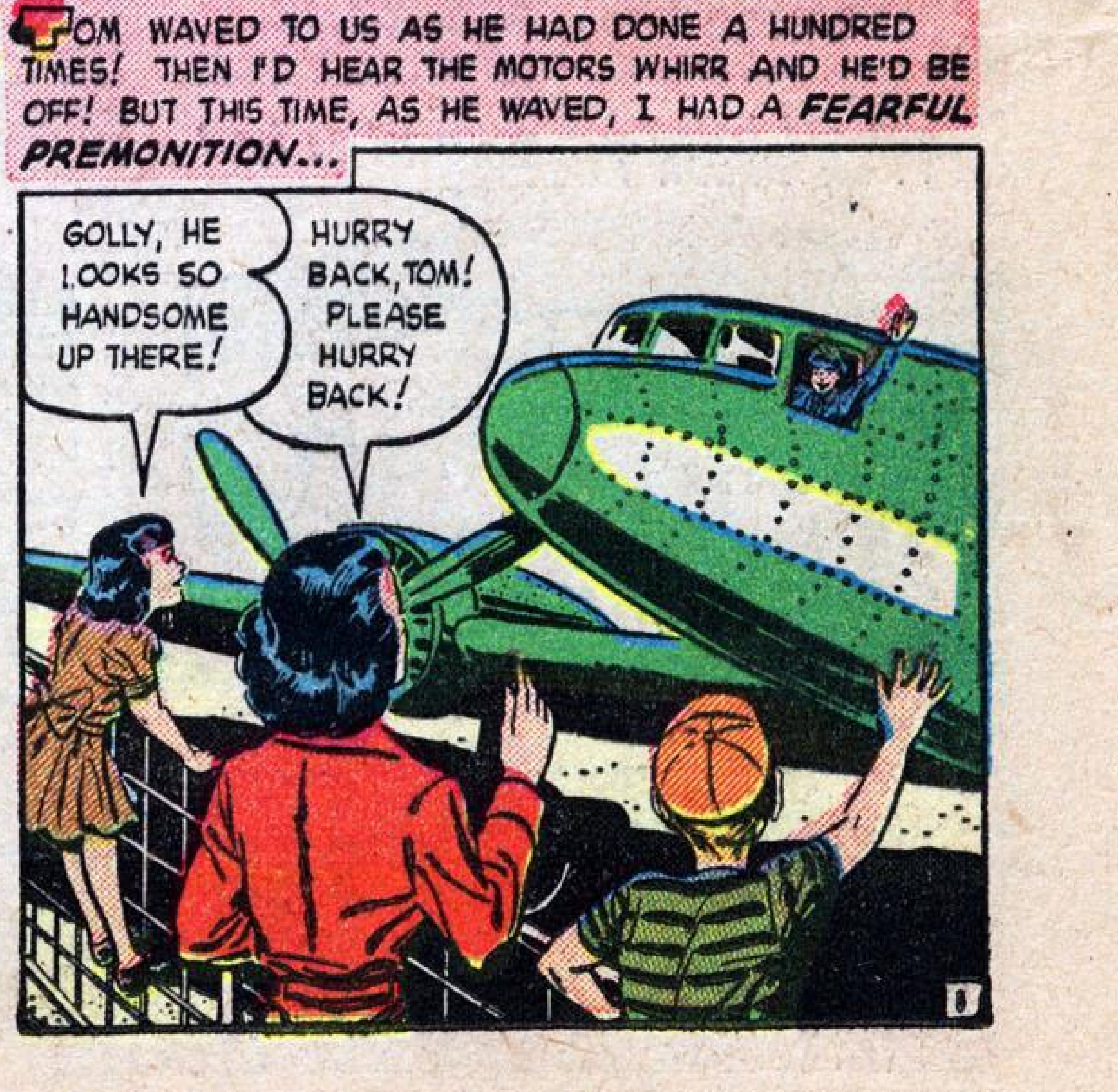
I WAS A LUCKY GIRL! TOM BURNS WAS HANDSOME, GAY, AND A PILOT FOR A BIG AIRLINE! AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL-- HE WAS MY ***FIANCÉ!*** LUCKILY HE WAS FOND OF CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY MY LITTLE BROTHER AND SISTER, WHOSE GUARDIAN I HAD BEEN SINCE OUR PARENTS' DEATH!

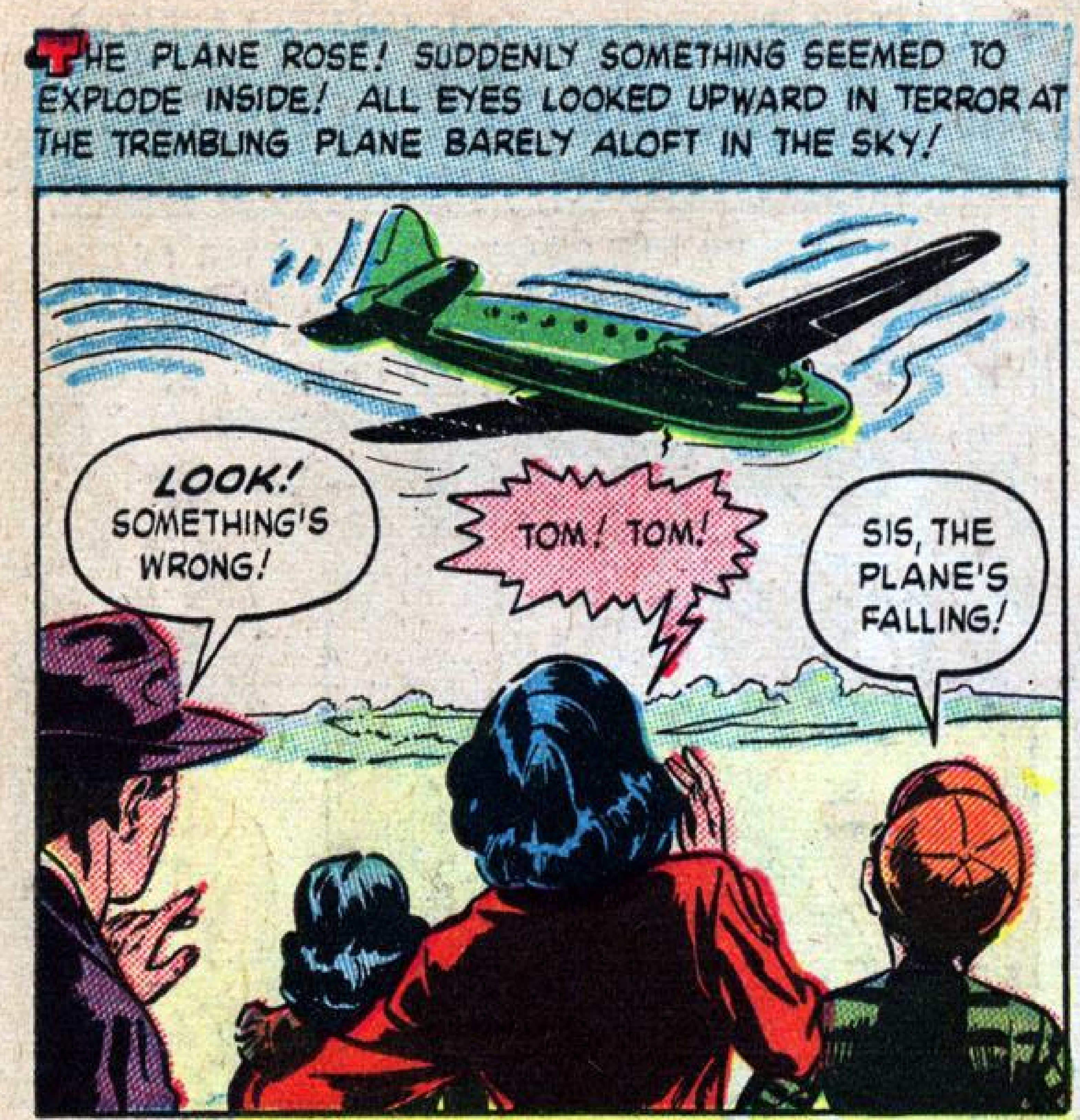

IT'S TOM! I'LL GET IT!
THERE'S THE BELL!

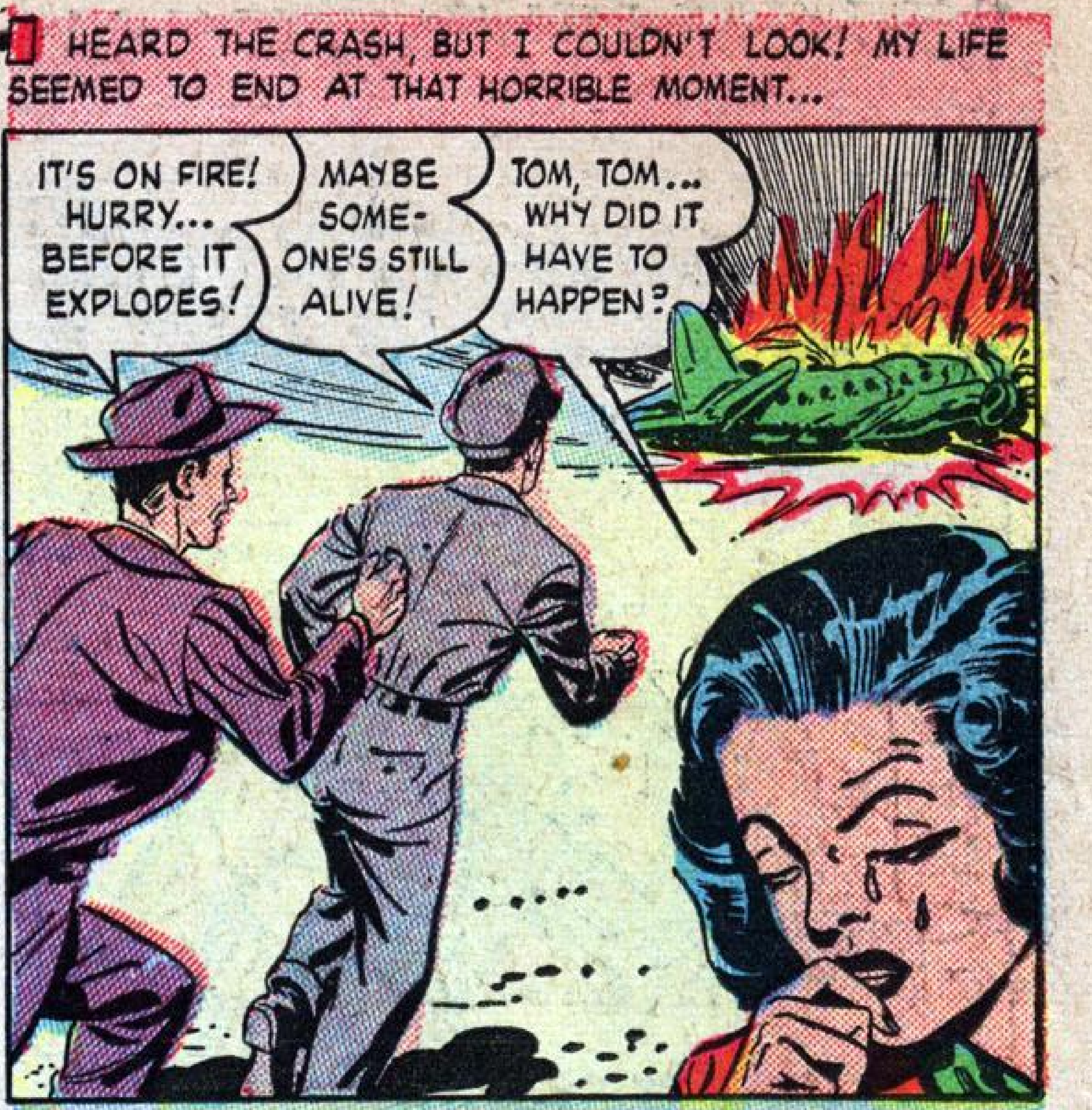
I WAS IN TOM'S ARMS AGAIN AND ALL THE WORLD SEEMED GLOWING AND WONDERFUL!

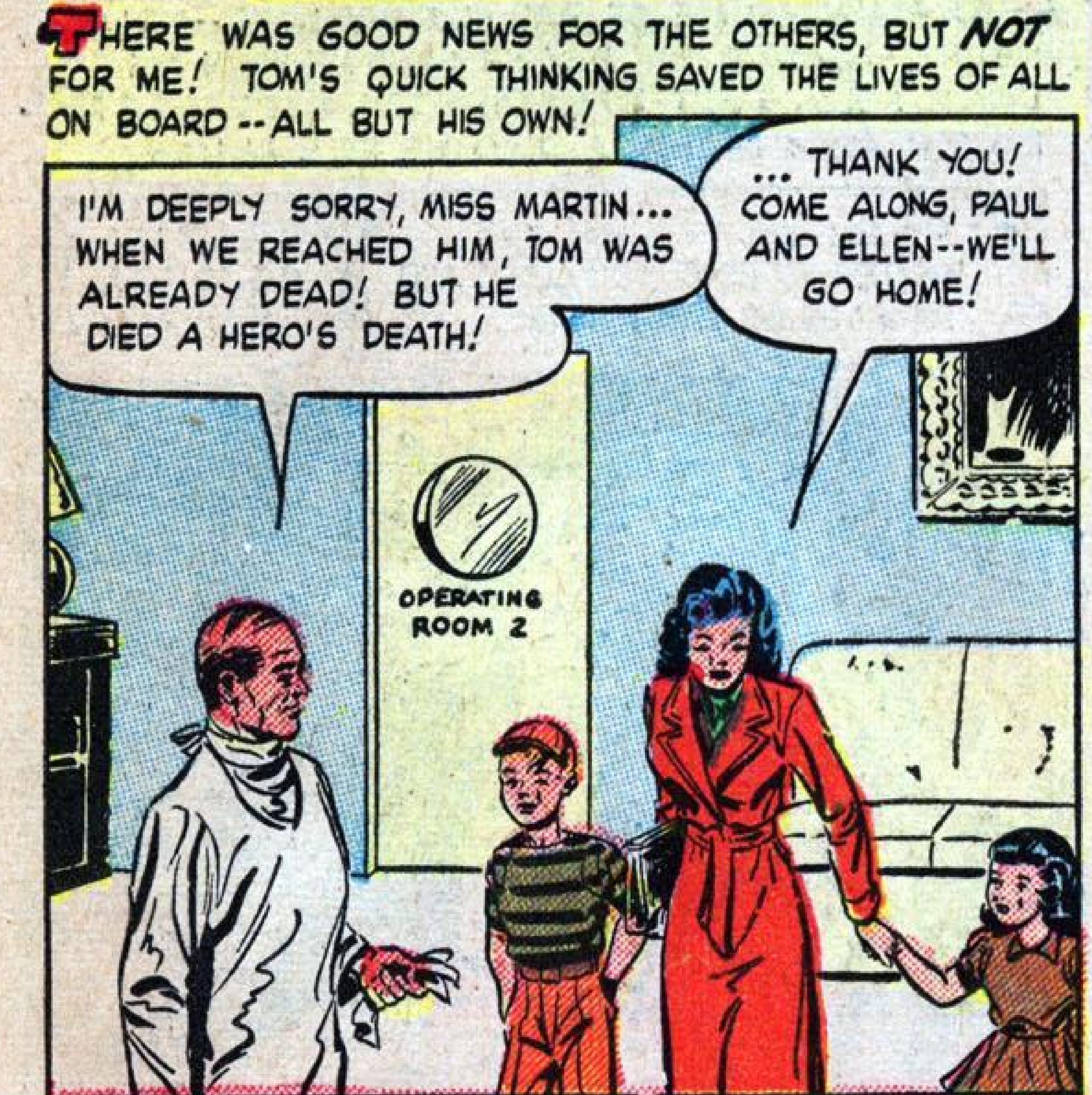

DARLING, JUST ONE LONG HUG AND WE'VE GOT TO RUN TO THE AIRPORT! BUT WHEN I GET BACK, I'LL HAVE TWO DAYS OFF... TWO WHOLE DAYS JUST TO BE WITH YOU!
OH, TOM, I'M SO HAPPY!

TOM WAVED TO US AS HE HAD DONE A HUNDRED TIMES! THEN I'D HEAR THE MOTORS WHIRR AND HE'D BE OFF! BUT THIS TIME, AS HE WAVED, I HAD A ***FEARFUL PREMONITION...***


GOLLY, HE LOOKS SO HANDSOME UP THERE!
HURRY BACK, TOM! PLEASE HURRY BACK!


THE PLANE ROSE! SUDDENLY SOMETHING SEEMED TO EXPLODE INSIDE! ALL EYES LOOKED UPWARD IN TERROR AT THE TREMBLING PLANE BARELY ALOFT IN THE SKY!
LOOK! SOMETHING'S WRONG!
TOM! TOM!
SIS, THE PLANE'S FALLING!


I HEARD THE CRASH, BUT I COULDN'T LOOK! MY LIFE SEEMED TO END AT THAT HORRIBLE MOMENT...
IT'S ON FIRE! HURRY... BEFORE IT EXPLODES!
MAYBE SOME-ONE'S STILL ALIVE!
TOM, TOM... WHY DID IT HAVE TO HAPPEN?


THERE WAS GOOD NEWS FOR THE OTHERS, BUT NOT FOR ME! TOM'S QUICK THINKING SAVED THE LIVES OF ALL ON BOARD -- ALL BUT HIS OWN!
I'M DEEPLY SORRY, MISS MARTIN... WHEN WE REACHED HIM, TOM WAS ALREADY DEAD! BUT HE DIED A HERO'S DEATH!
... THANK YOU! COME ALONG, PAUL AND ELLEN--WE'LL GO HOME!
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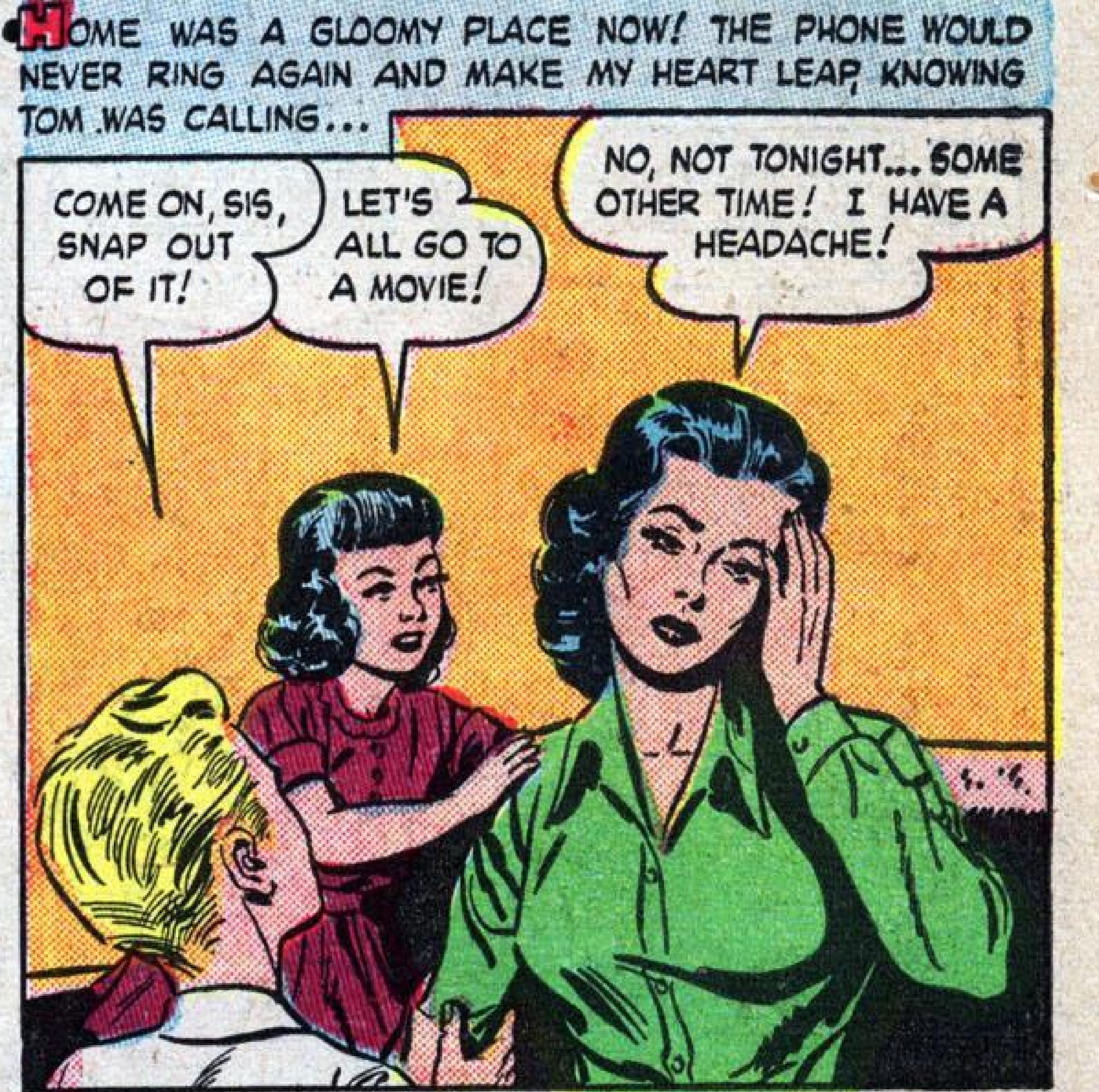
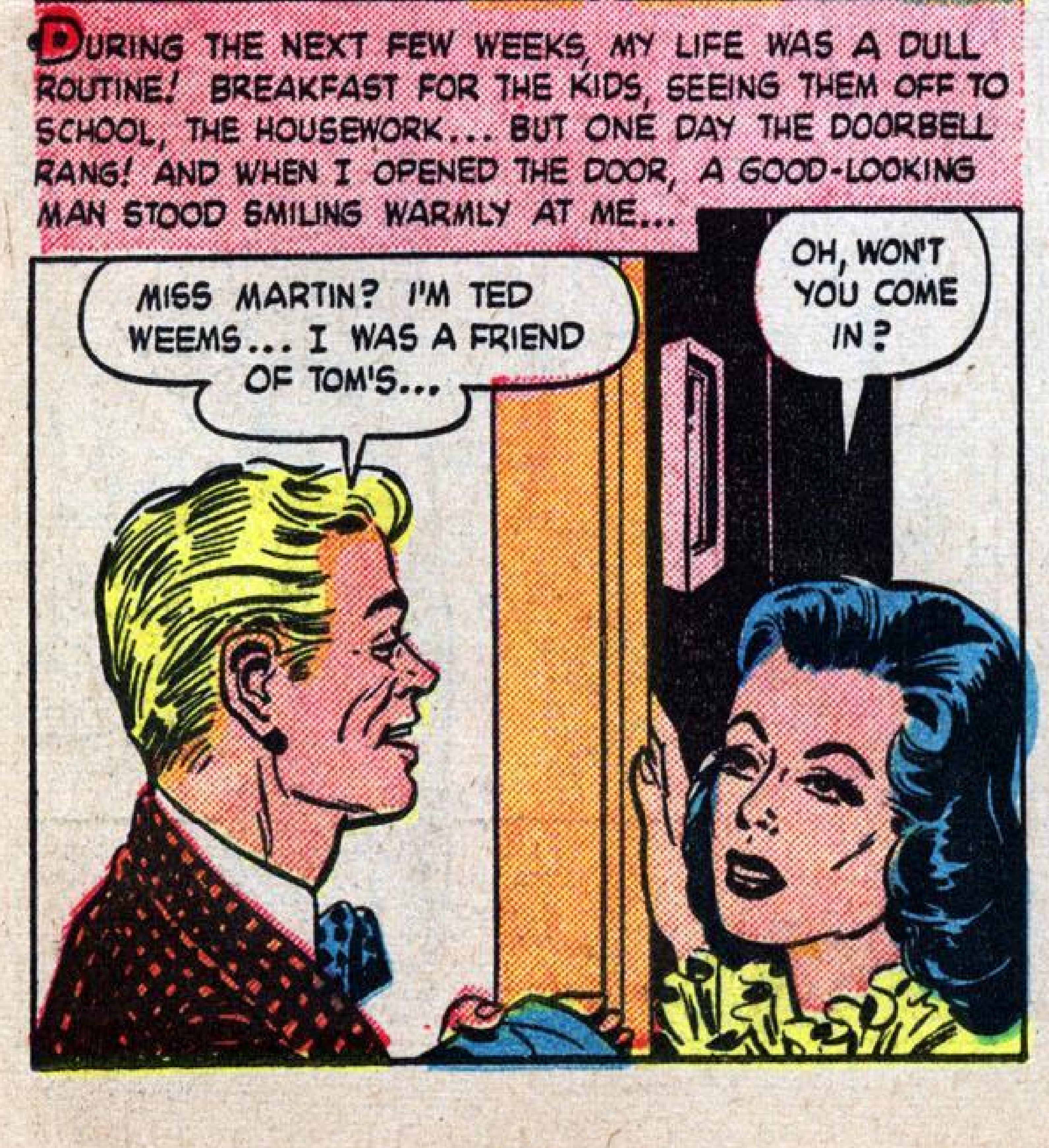
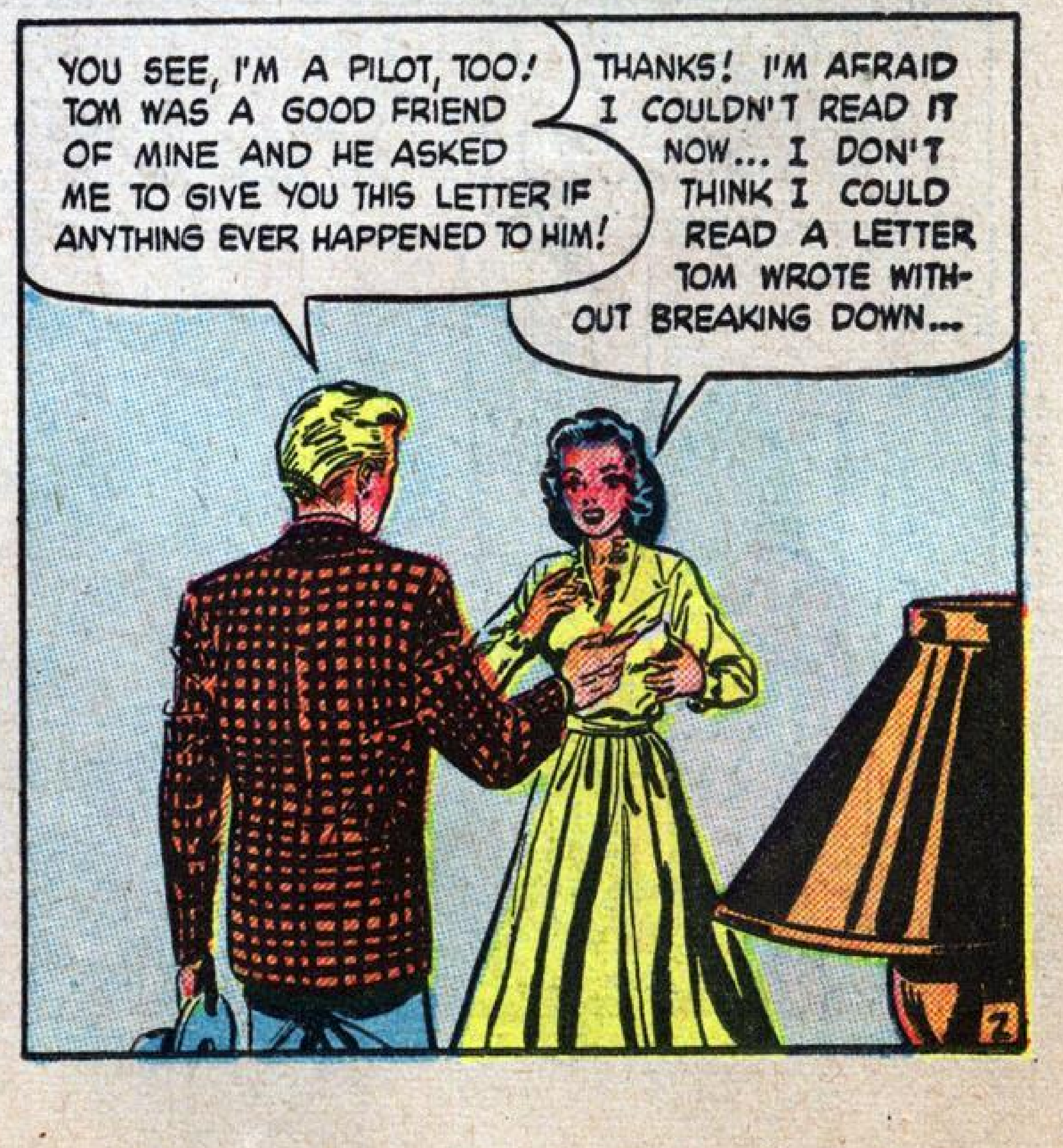

HOME WAS A GLOOMY PLACE NOW! THE PHONE WOULD NEVER RING AGAIN AND MAKE MY HEART LEAP, KNOWING TOM WAS CALLING...
COME ON, SIS, SNAP OUT OF IT!
LET'S ALL GO TO A MOVIE!
NO, NOT TONIGHT... SOME OTHER TIME! I HAVE A HEADACHE!


DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, MY LIFE WAS A DULL ROUTINE! BREAKFAST FOR THE KIDS, SEEING THEM OFF TO SCHOOL, THE HOUSEWORK... BUT ONE DAY THE DOORBELL RANG! AND WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR, A GOOD-LOOKING MAN STOOD SMILING WARMLY AT ME...
MISS MARTIN? I'M TED WEEMS... I WAS A FRIEND OF TOM'S...
OH, WON'T YOU COME IN?


YOU SEE, I'M A PILOT, TOO! TOM WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE AND HE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS LETTER IF ANYTHING EVER HAPPENED TO HIM!
THANKS! I'M AFRAID I COULDN'T READ IT NOW... I DON'T THINK I COULD READ A LETTER TOM WROTE WITHOUT BREAKING DOWN...
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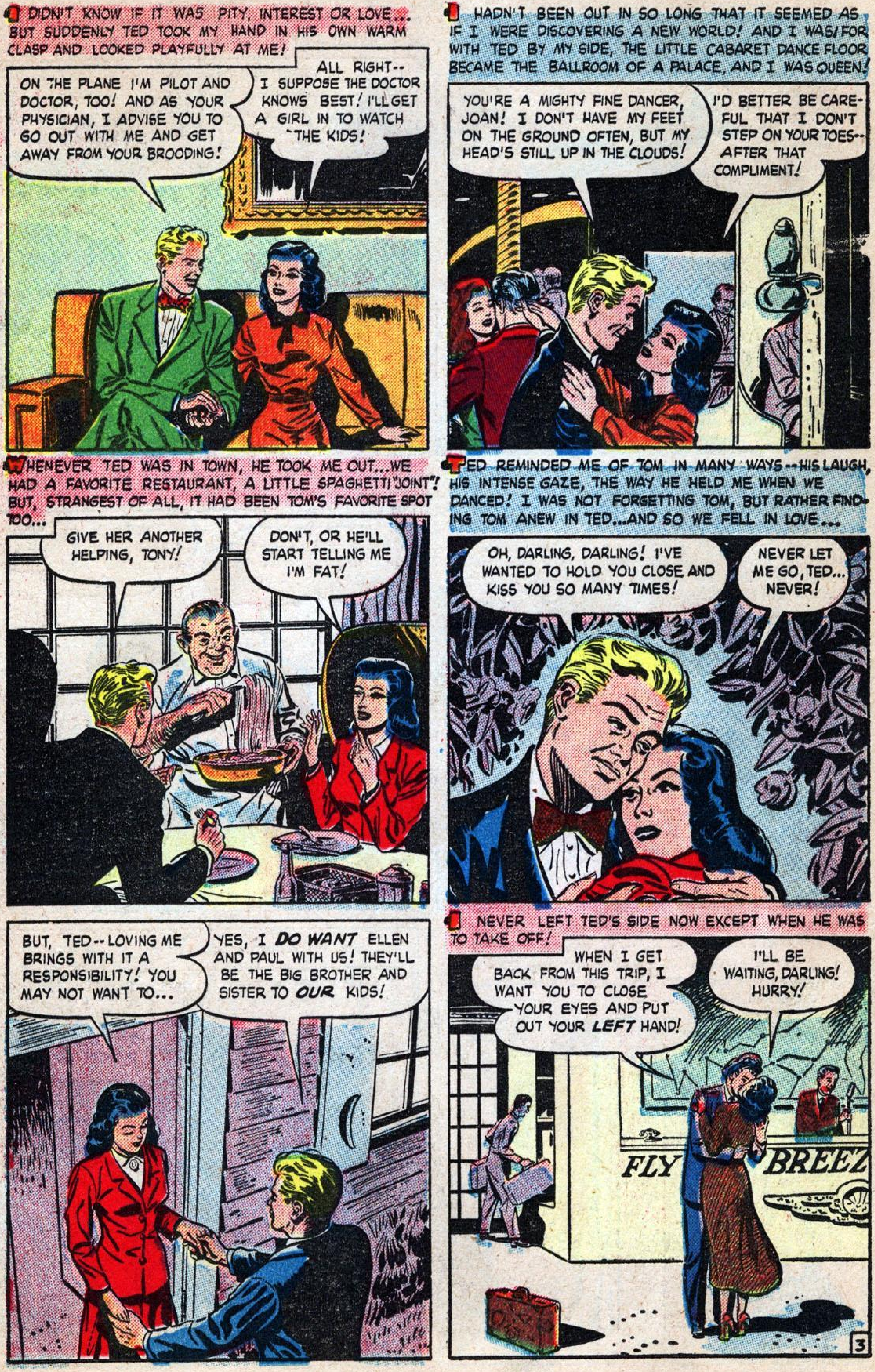
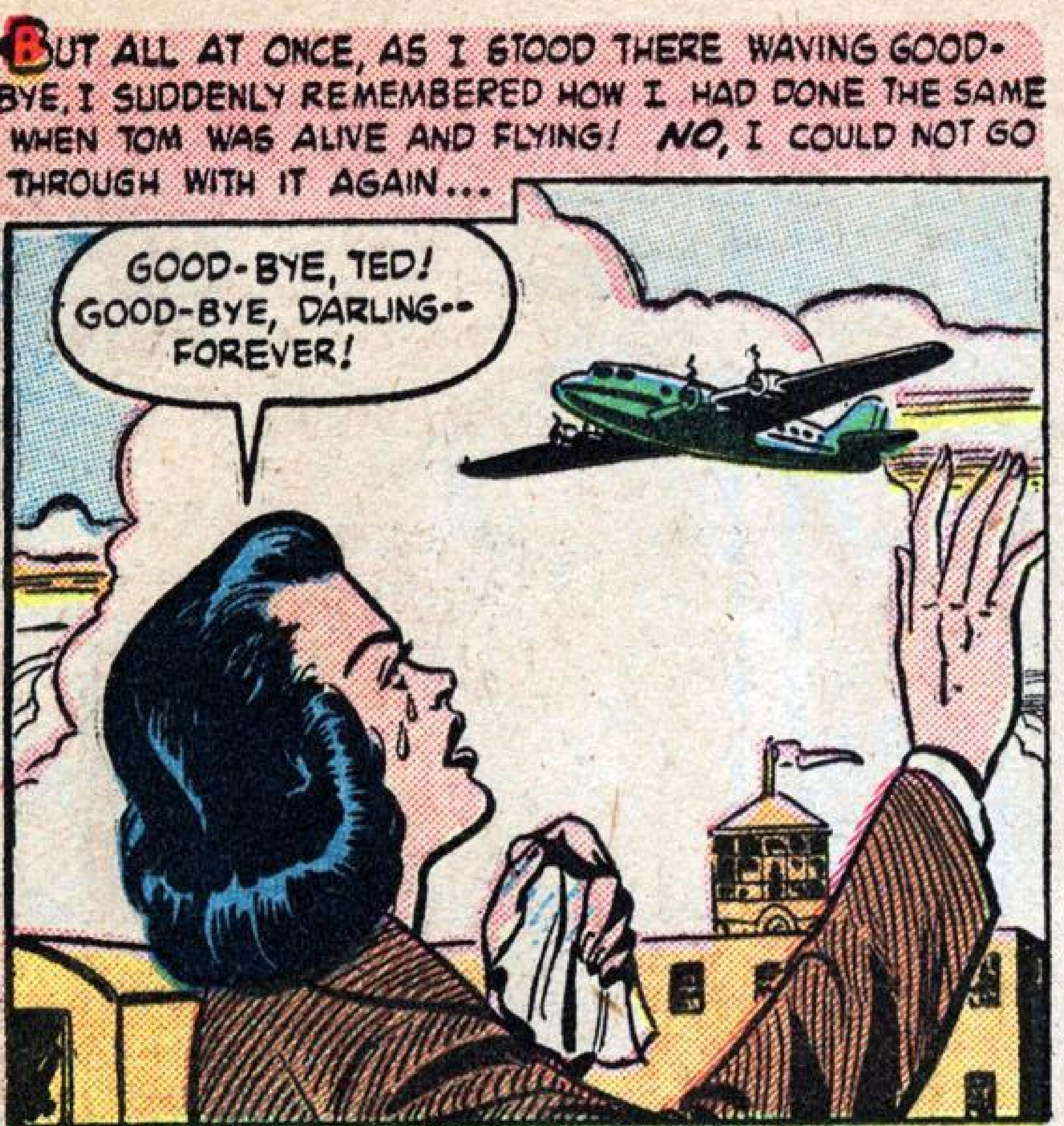
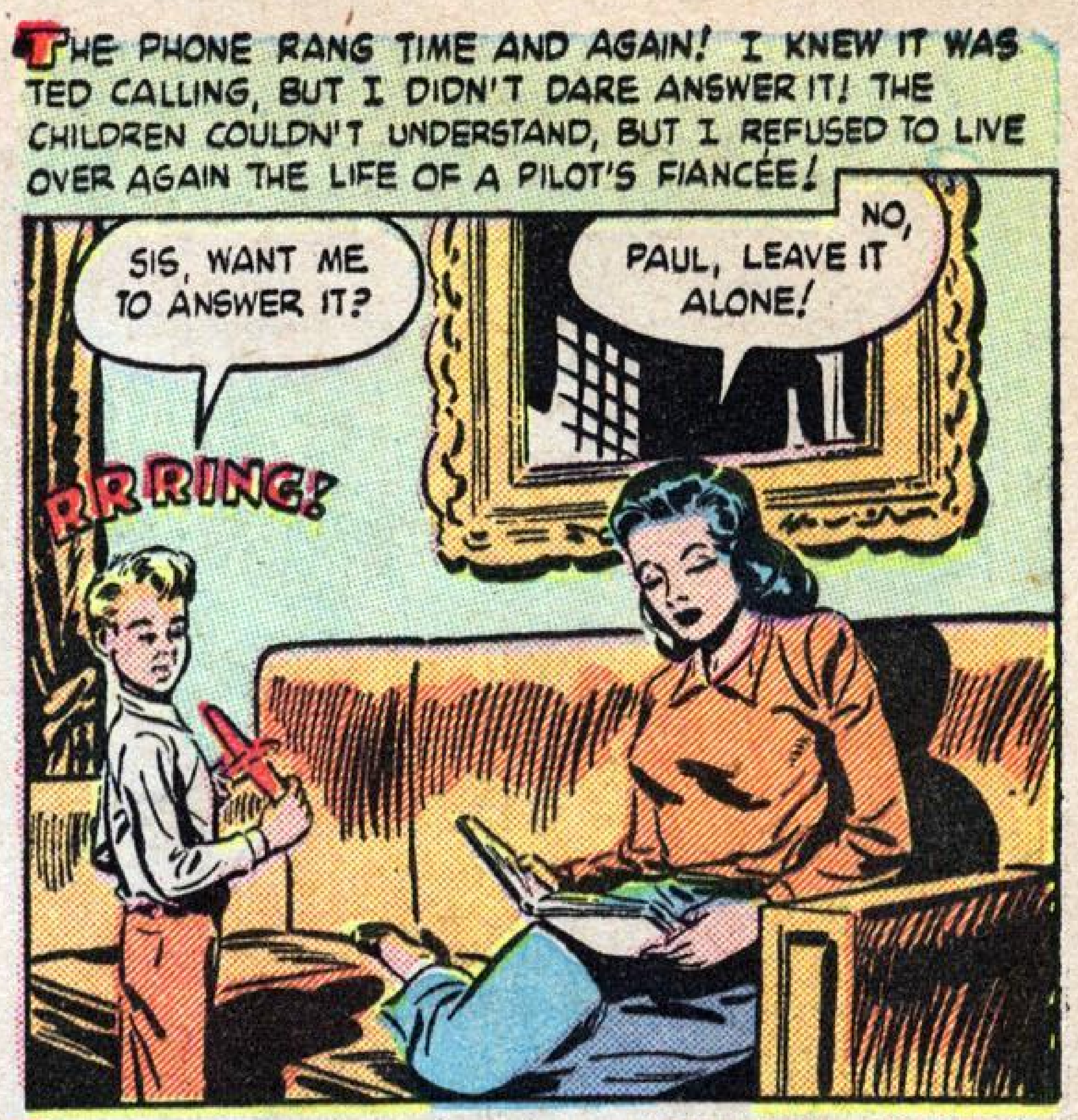
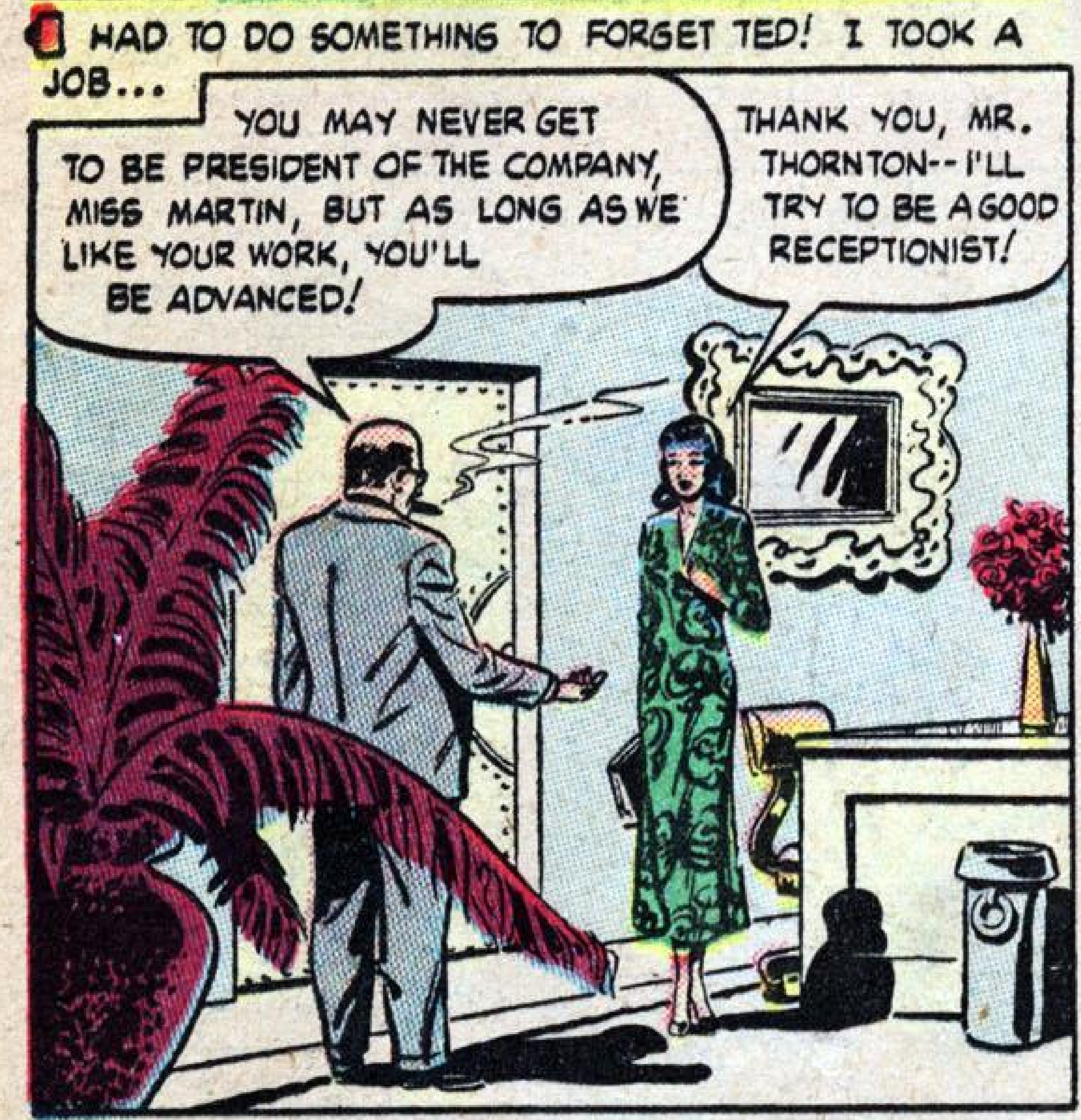
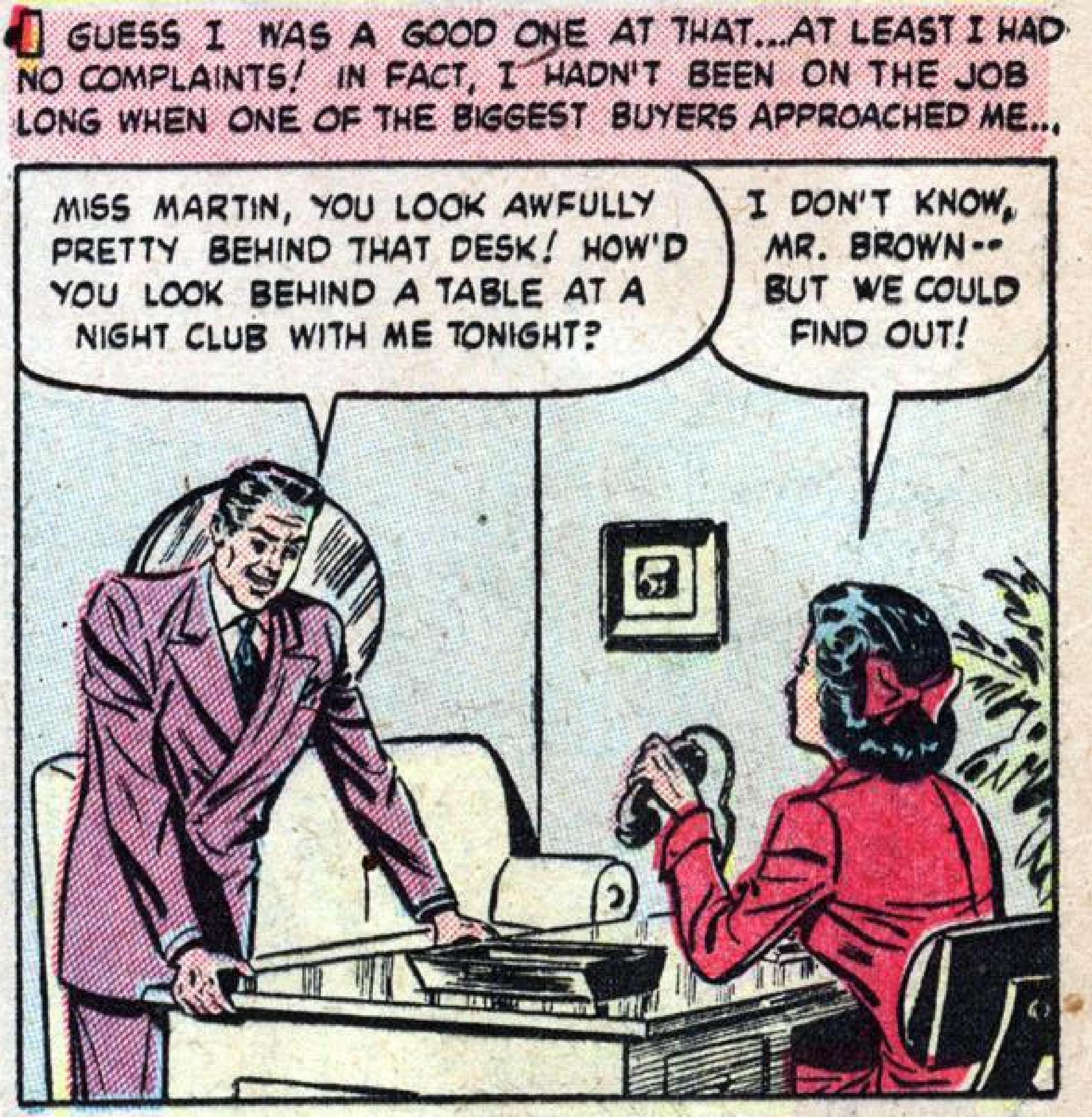
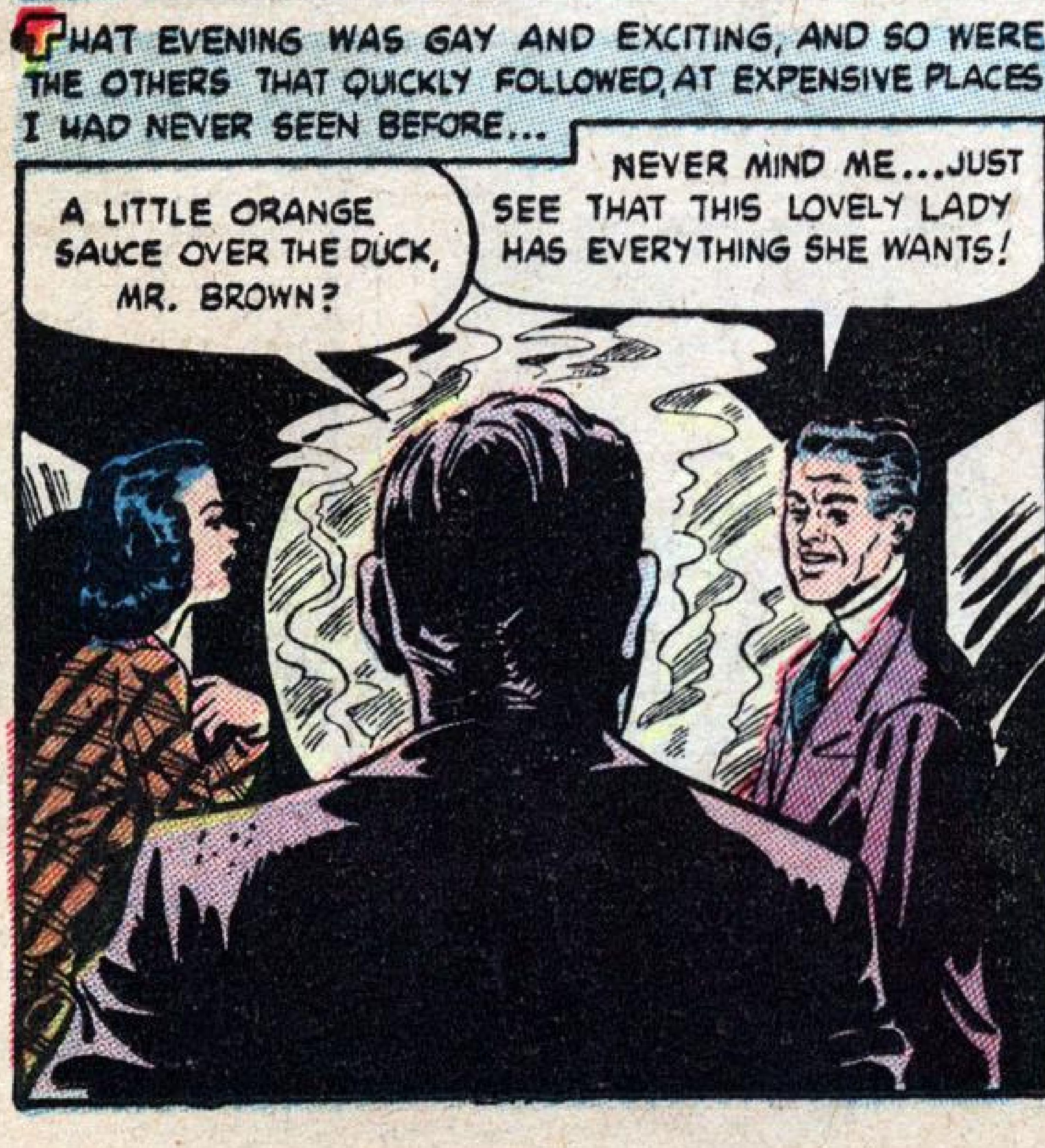

I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS PITY, INTEREST OR LOVE... BUT SUDDENLY TED TOOK MY HAND IN HIS OWN WARM CLASP AND LOOKED PLAYFULLY AT ME!
ON THE PLANE I'M PILOT AND DOCTOR, TOO! AND AS YOUR PHYSICIAN, I ADVISE YOU TO GO OUT WITH ME AND GET AWAY FROM YOUR BROODING!
ALL RIGHT-- I SUPPOSE THE DOCTOR KNOWS BEST! I'LL GET A GIRL IN TO WATCH THE KIDS!
I HADN'T BEEN OUT IN SO LONG THAT IT SEEMED AS IF I WERE DISCOVERING A NEW WORLD! AND I WAS! FOR WITH TED BY MY SIDE, THE LITTLE CABARET DANCE FLOOR BECAME THE BALLROOM OF A PALACE, AND I WAS QUEEN!
YOU'RE A MIGHTY FINE DANCER, JOAN! I DON'T HAVE MY FEET ON THE GROUND OFTEN, BUT MY HEAD'S STILL UP IN THE CLOUDS!
I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL THAT I DON'T STEP ON YOUR TOES-- AFTER THAT COMPLIMENT!
WHENEVER TED WAS IN TOWN, HE TOOK ME OUT...WE HAD A FAVORITE RESTAURANT, A LITTLE SPAGHETTI "JOINT"! BUT, STRANGEST OF ALL, IT HAD BEEN TOM'S FAVORITE SPOT TOO...
GIVE HER ANOTHER HELPING, TONY!
DON'T, OR HE'LL START TELLING ME I'M FAT!
TED REMINDED ME OF TOM IN MANY WAYS--HIS LAUGH, HIS INTENSE GAZE, THE WAY HE HELD ME WHEN WE DANCED! I WAS NOT FORGETTING TOM, BUT RATHER FINDING TOM ANEW IN TED...AND SO WE FELL IN LOVE...
OH, DARLING, DARLING! I'VE WANTED TO HOLD YOU CLOSE AND KISS YOU SO MANY TIMES!
NEVER LET ME GO, TED... NEVER!
BUT, TED--LOVING ME BRINGS WITH IT A RESPONSIBILITY! YOU MAY NOT WANT TO...
YES, I DO WANT ELLEN AND PAUL WITH US! THEY'LL BE THE BIG BROTHER AND SISTER TO OUR KIDS!
I NEVER LEFT TED'S SIDE NOW EXCEPT WHEN HE WAS TO TAKE OFF!
WHEN I GET BACK FROM THIS TRIP, I WANT YOU TO CLOSE YOUR EYES AND PUT OUT YOUR LEFT HAND!
I'LL BE WAITING, DARLING! HURRY!
FLY BREEZ

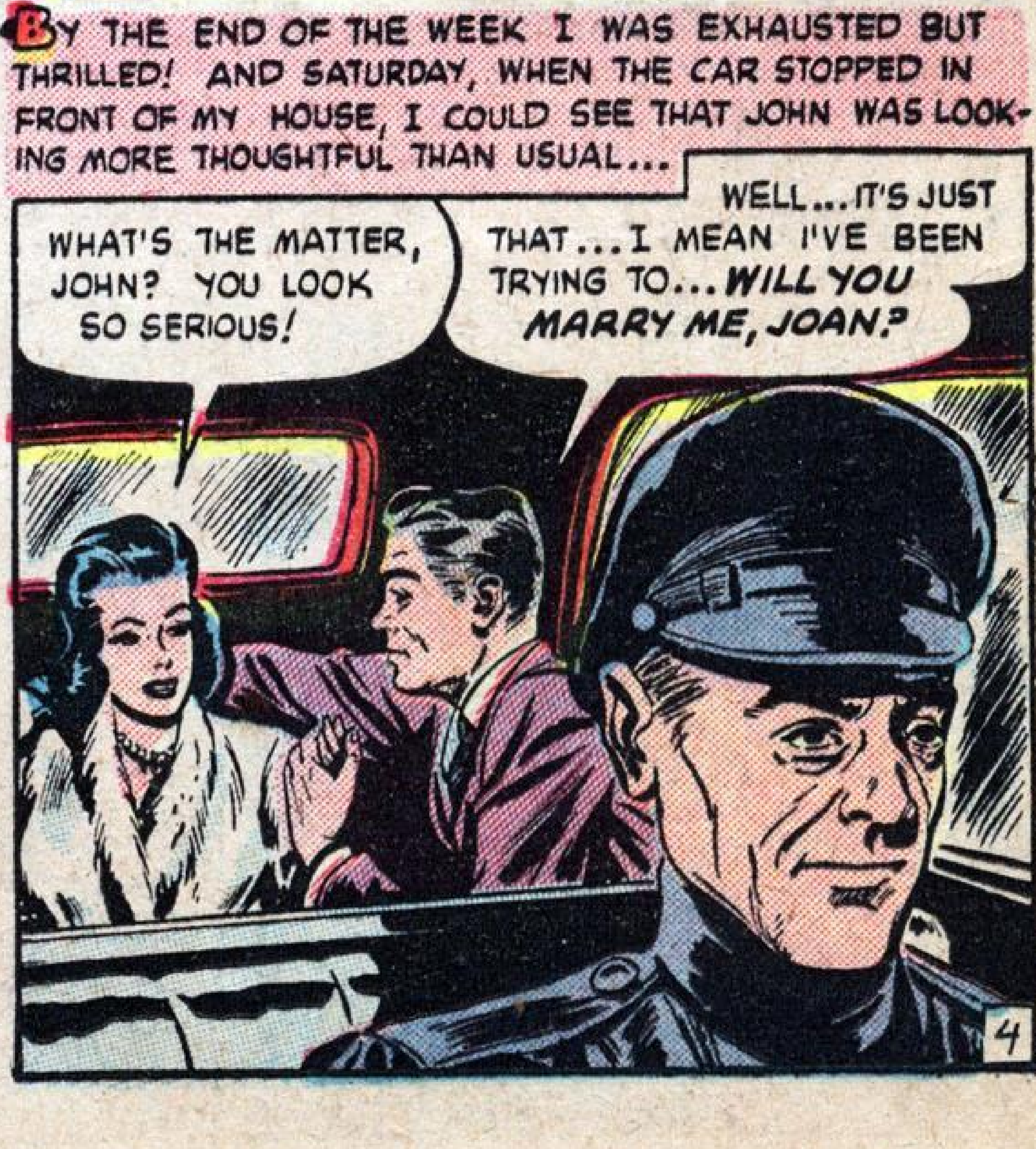

BUT ALL AT ONCE, AS I STOOD THERE WAVING GOOD-BYE, I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED HOW I HAD DONE THE SAME WHEN TOM WAS ALIVE AND FLYING! NO, I COULD NOT GO THROUGH WITH IT AGAIN...
GOOD-BYE, TED! GOOD-BYE, DARLING-- FOREVER!


THE PHONE RANG TIME AND AGAIN! I KNEW IT WAS TED CALLING, BUT I DIDN'T DARE ANSWER IT! THE CHILDREN COULDN'T UNDERSTAND, BUT I REFUSED TO LIVE OVER AGAIN THE LIFE OF A PILOT'S FIANCÉE!
SIS, WANT ME TO ANSWER IT?
NO, PAUL, LEAVE IT ALONE!
RR RING!


I HAD TO DO SOMETHING TO FORGET TED! I TOOK A JOB...
YOU MAY NEVER GET TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY, MISS MARTIN, BUT AS LONG AS WE LIKE YOUR WORK, YOU'LL BE ADVANCED!
THANK YOU, MR. THORNTON--I'LL TRY TO BE A GOOD RECEPTIONIST!


I GUESS I WAS A GOOD ONE AT THAT...AT LEAST I HAD NO COMPLAINTS! IN FACT, I HADN'T BEEN ON THE JOB LONG WHEN ONE OF THE BIGGEST BUYERS APPROACHED ME...
MISS MARTIN, YOU LOOK AWFULLY PRETTY BEHIND THAT DESK! HOW'D YOU LOOK BEHIND A TABLE AT A NIGHT CLUB WITH ME TONIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW, MR. BROWN-- BUT WE COULD FIND OUT!


THAT EVENING WAS GAY AND EXCITING, AND SO WERE THE OTHERS THAT QUICKLY FOLLOWED, AT EXPENSIVE PLACES I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE...
A LITTLE ORANGE SAUCE OVER THE DUCK, MR. BROWN?
NEVER MIND ME...JUST SEE THAT THIS LOVELY LADY HAS EVERYTHING SHE WANTS!


BY THE END OF THE WEEK I WAS EXHAUSTED BUT THRILLED! AND SATURDAY, WHEN THE CAR STOPPED IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE, I COULD SEE THAT JOHN WAS LOOKING MORE THOUGHTFUL THAN USUAL...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOHN? YOU LOOK SO SERIOUS!
WELL...IT'S JUST THAT...I MEAN I'VE BEEN TRYING TO...WILL YOU MARRY ME, JOAN?
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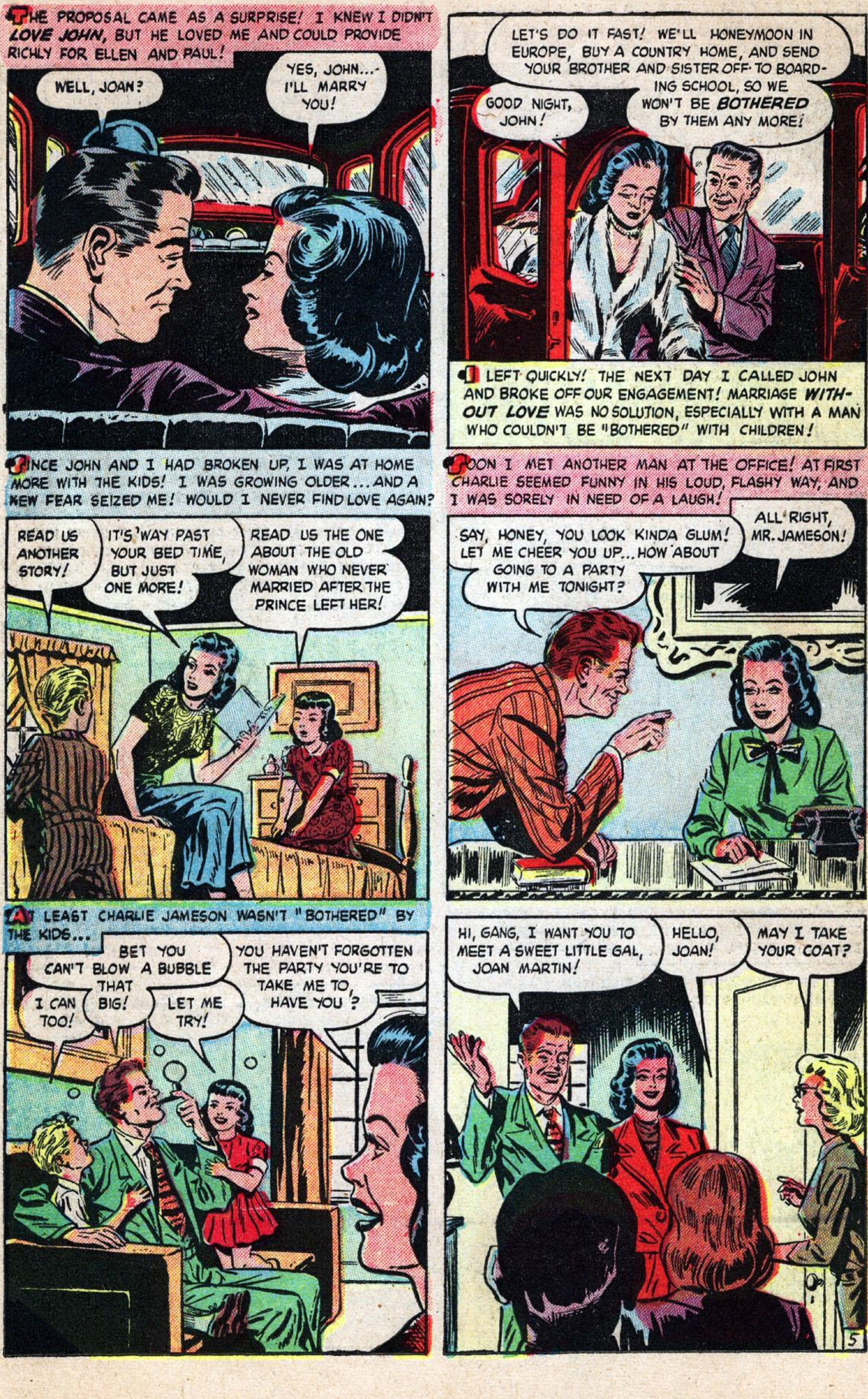
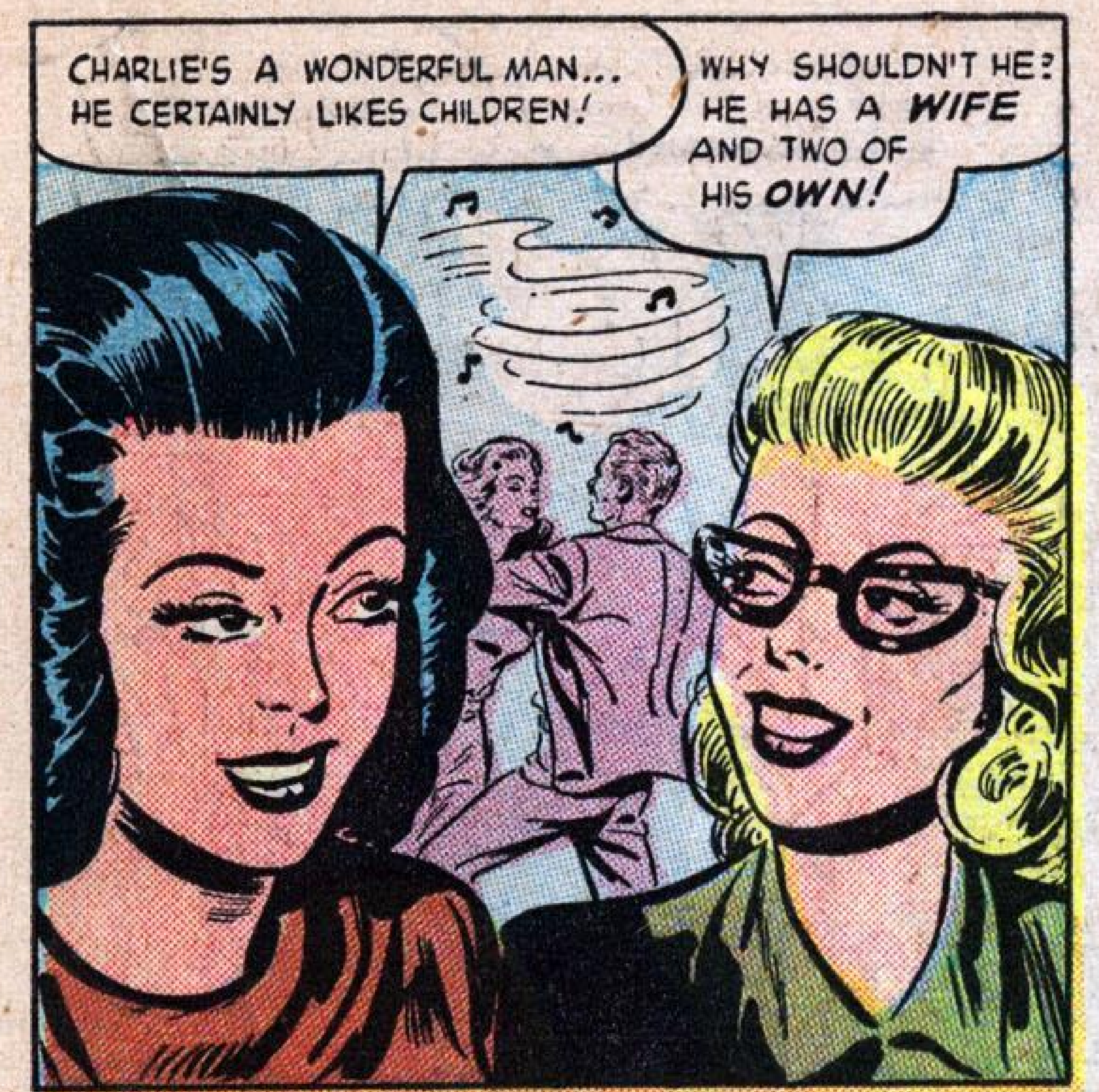
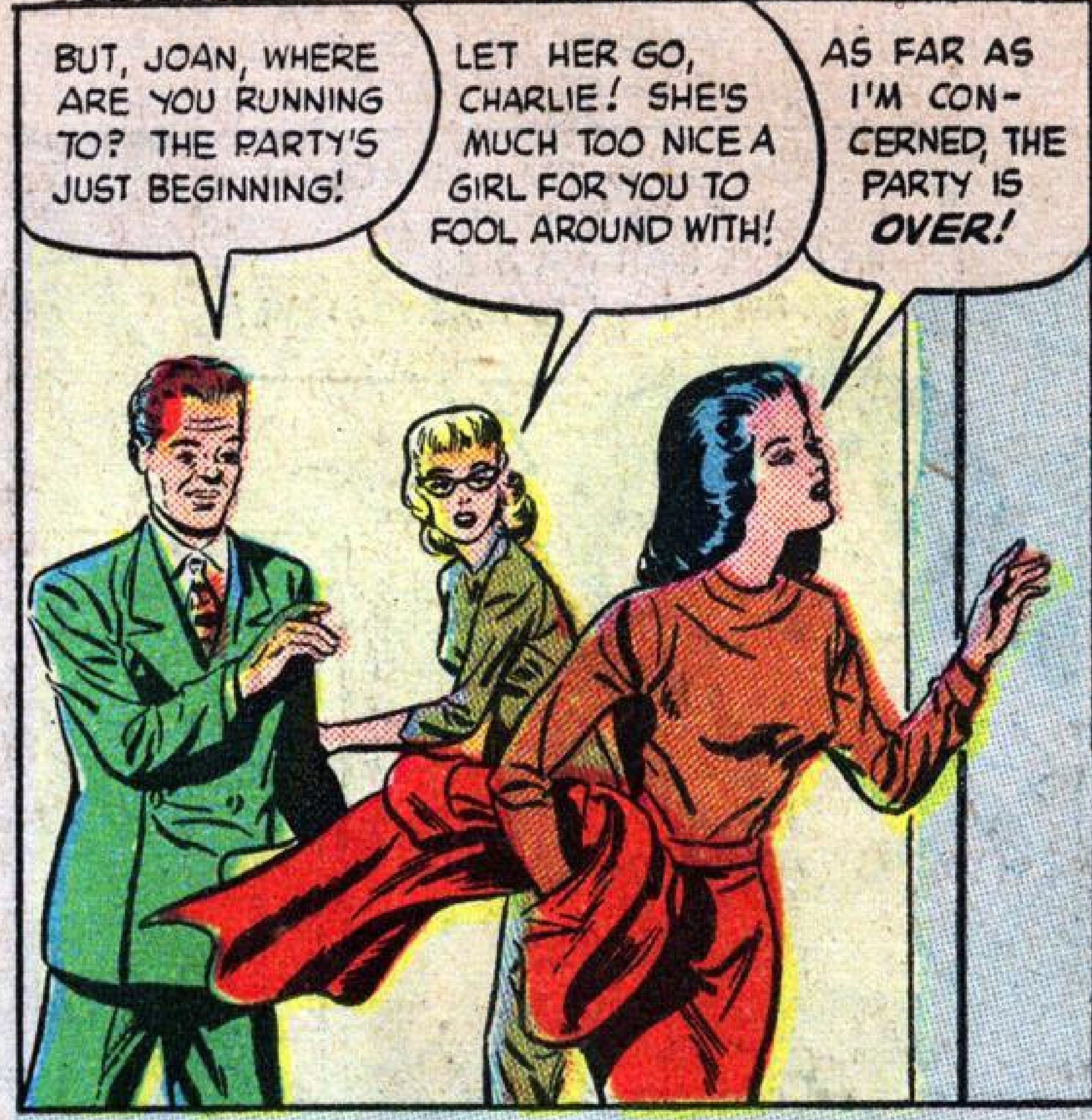
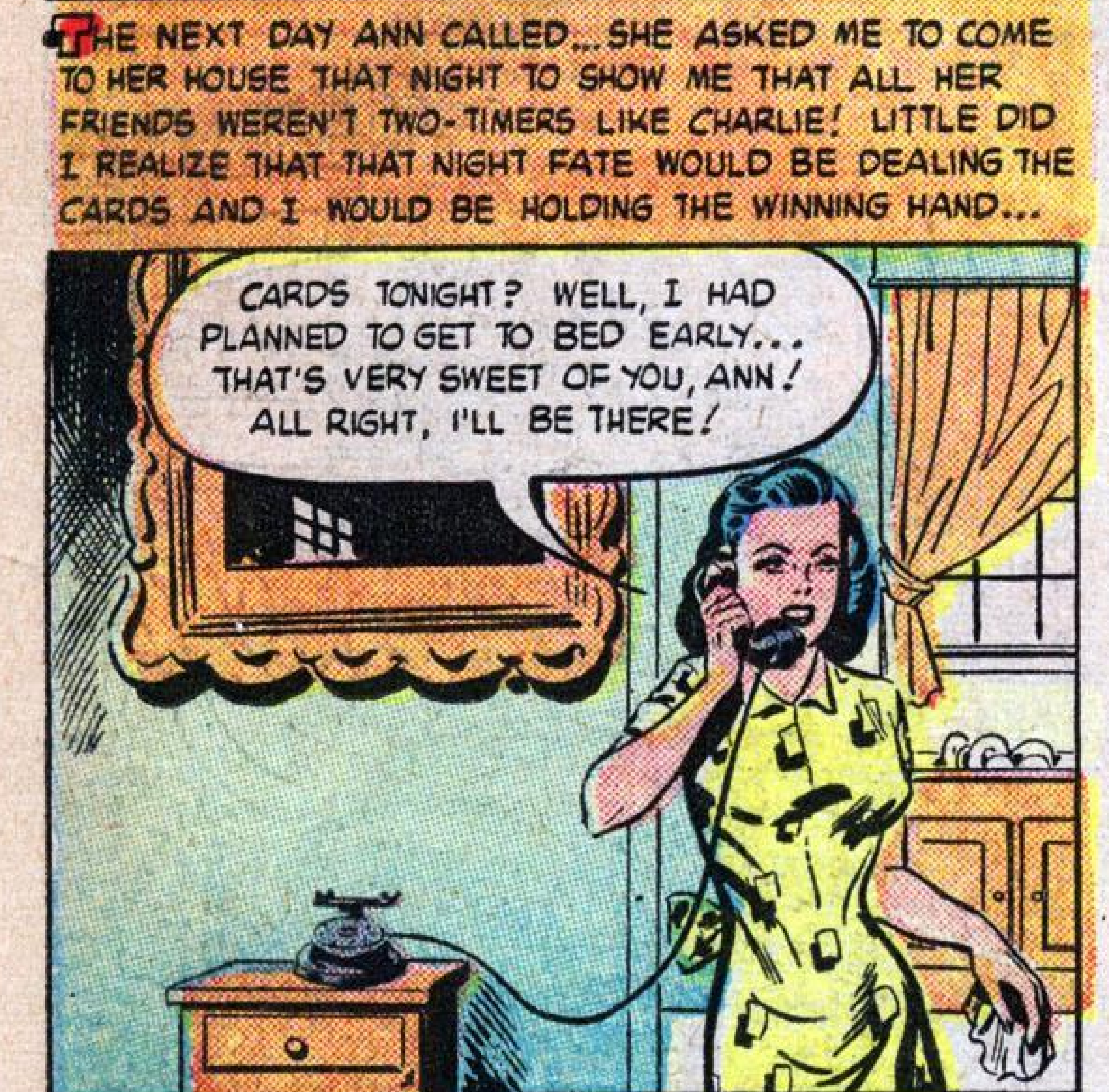
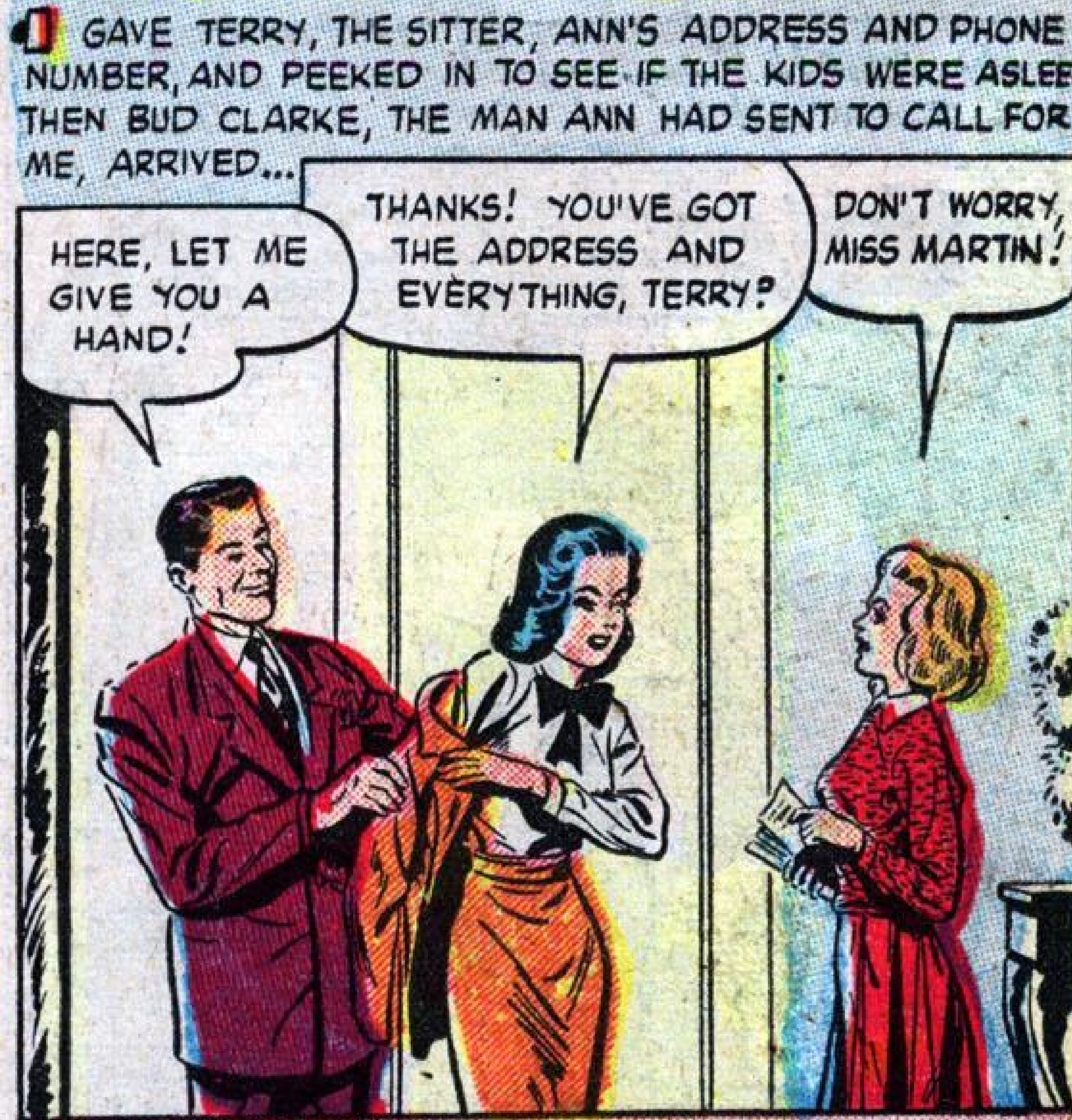
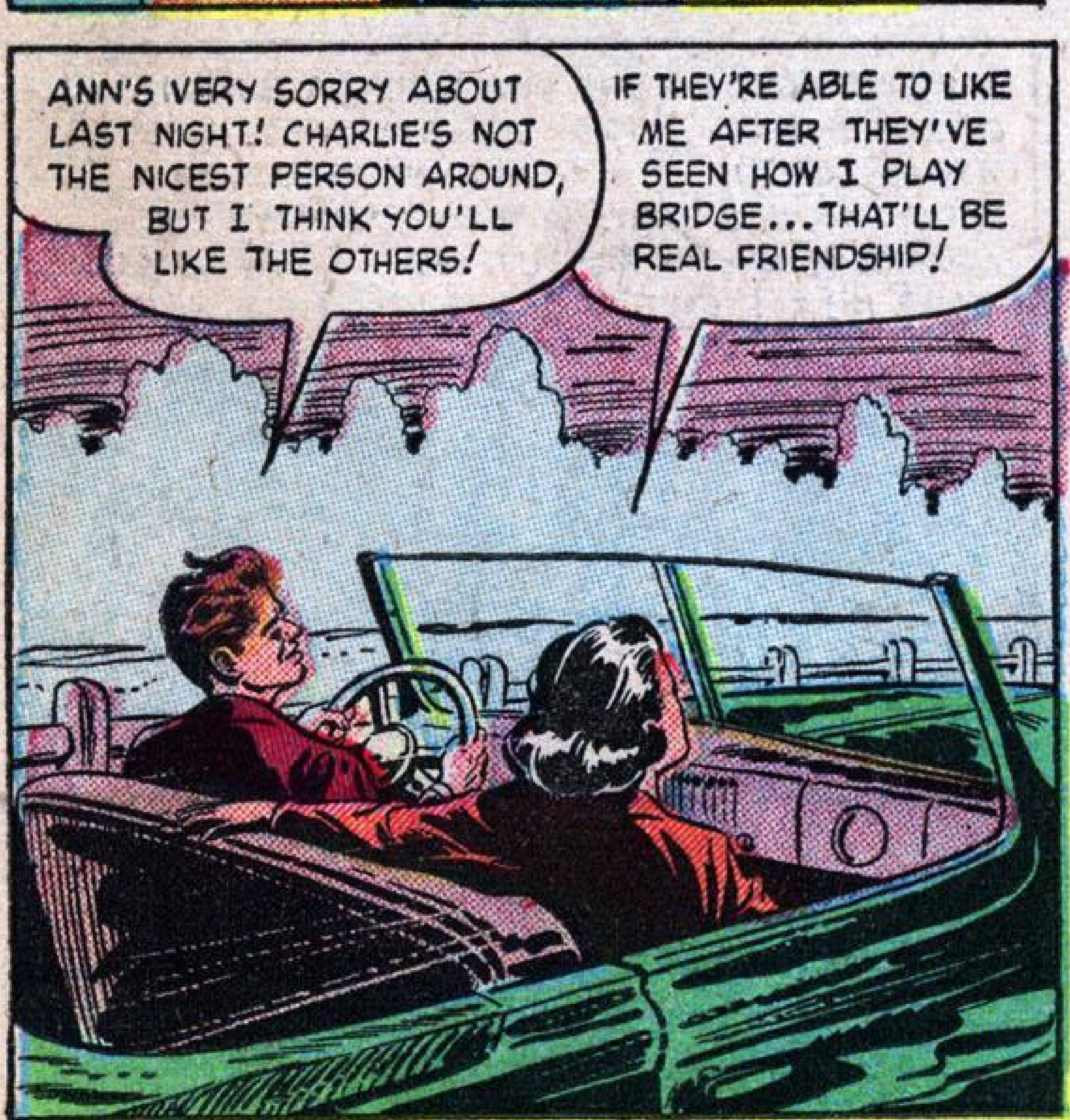

THE PROPOSAL CAME AS A SURPRISE! I KNEW I DIDN'T LOVE JOHN, BUT HE LOVED ME AND COULD PROVIDE RICHLY FOR ELLEN AND PAUL!
WELL, JOAN?
YES, JOHN... I'LL MARRY YOU!
LET'S DO IT FAST! WE'LL HONEYMOON IN EUROPE, BUY A COUNTRY HOME, AND SEND YOUR BROTHER AND SISTER OFF TO BOARDING SCHOOL, SO WE WON'T BE BOTHERED BY THEM ANY MORE!
GOOD NIGHT, JOHN!
I LEFT QUICKLY! THE NEXT DAY I CALLED JOHN AND BROKE OFF OUR ENGAGEMENT! MARRIAGE WITHOUT LOVE WAS NO SOLUTION, ESPECIALLY WITH A MAN WHO COULDN'T BE "BOTHERED" WITH CHILDREN!
SINCE JOHN AND I HAD BROKEN UP, I WAS AT HOME MORE WITH THE KIDS! I WAS GROWING OLDER... AND A NEW FEAR SEIZED ME! WOULD I NEVER FIND LOVE AGAIN?
READ US ANOTHER STORY!
IT'S WAY PAST YOUR BED TIME, BUT JUST ONE MORE!
READ US THE ONE ABOUT THE OLD WOMAN WHO NEVER MARRIED AFTER THE PRINCE LEFT HER!
SOON I MET ANOTHER MAN AT THE OFFICE! AT FIRST CHARLIE SEEMED FUNNY IN HIS LOUD, FLASHY WAY, AND I WAS SORELY IN NEED OF A LAUGH!
SAY, HONEY, YOU LOOK KINDA GLUM! LET ME CHEER YOU UP... HOW ABOUT GOING TO A PARTY WITH ME TONIGHT?
ALL RIGHT, MR. JAMESON!
AT LEAST CHARLIE JAMESON WASN'T "BOTHERED" BY THE KIDS...
BET YOU CAN'T BLOW A BUBBLE THAT BIG!
I CAN TOO!
LET ME TRY!
YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE PARTY YOU'RE TO TAKE ME TO, HAVE YOU?
HI, GANG, I WANT YOU TO MEET A SWEET LITTLE GAL, JOAN MARTIN!
HELLO, JOAN!
MAY I TAKE YOUR COAT?

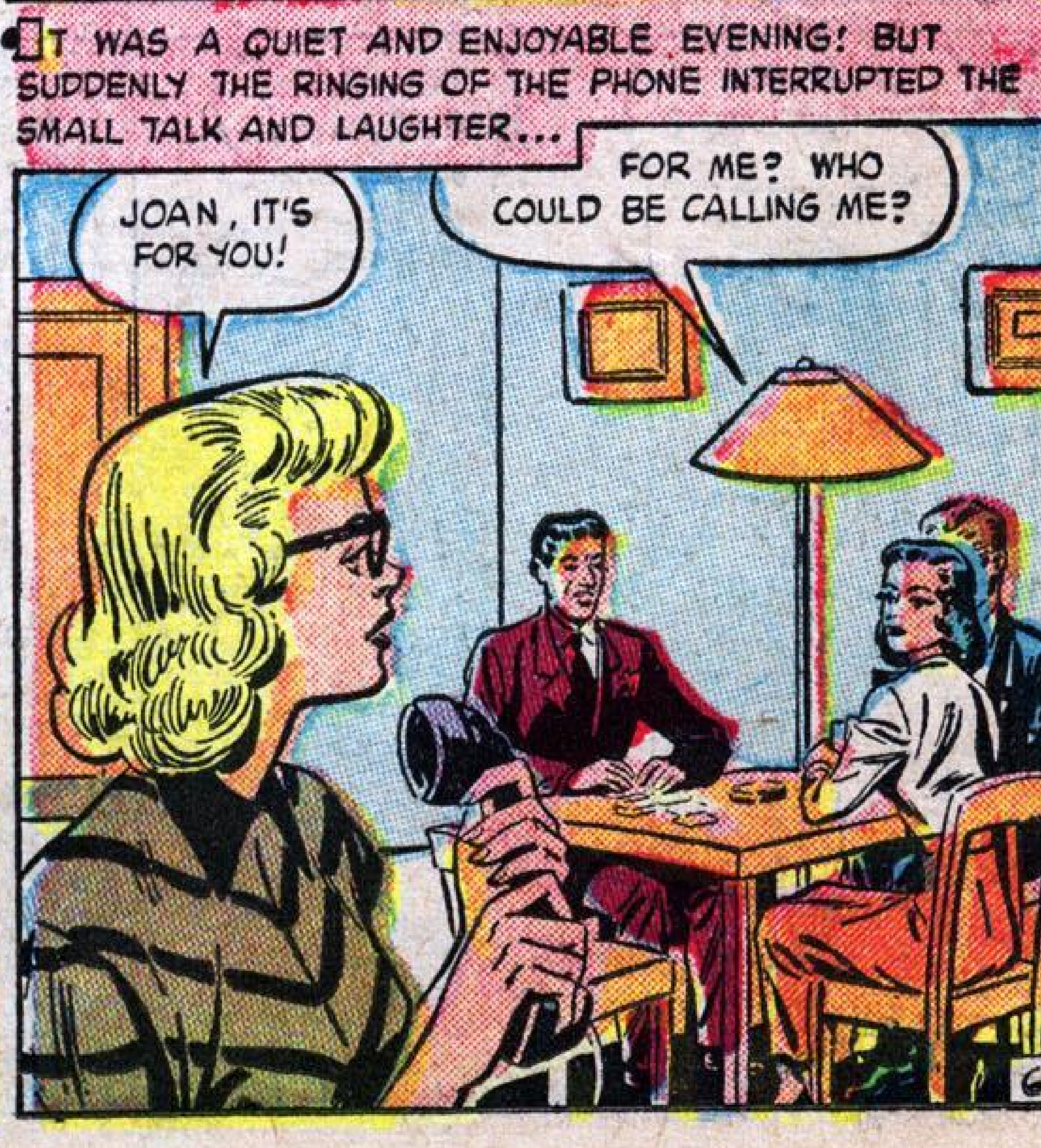

CHARLIE'S A WONDERFUL MAN... HE CERTAINLY LIKES CHILDREN!
WHY SHOULDN'T HE? HE HAS A *WIFE* AND TWO OF HIS *OWN!*

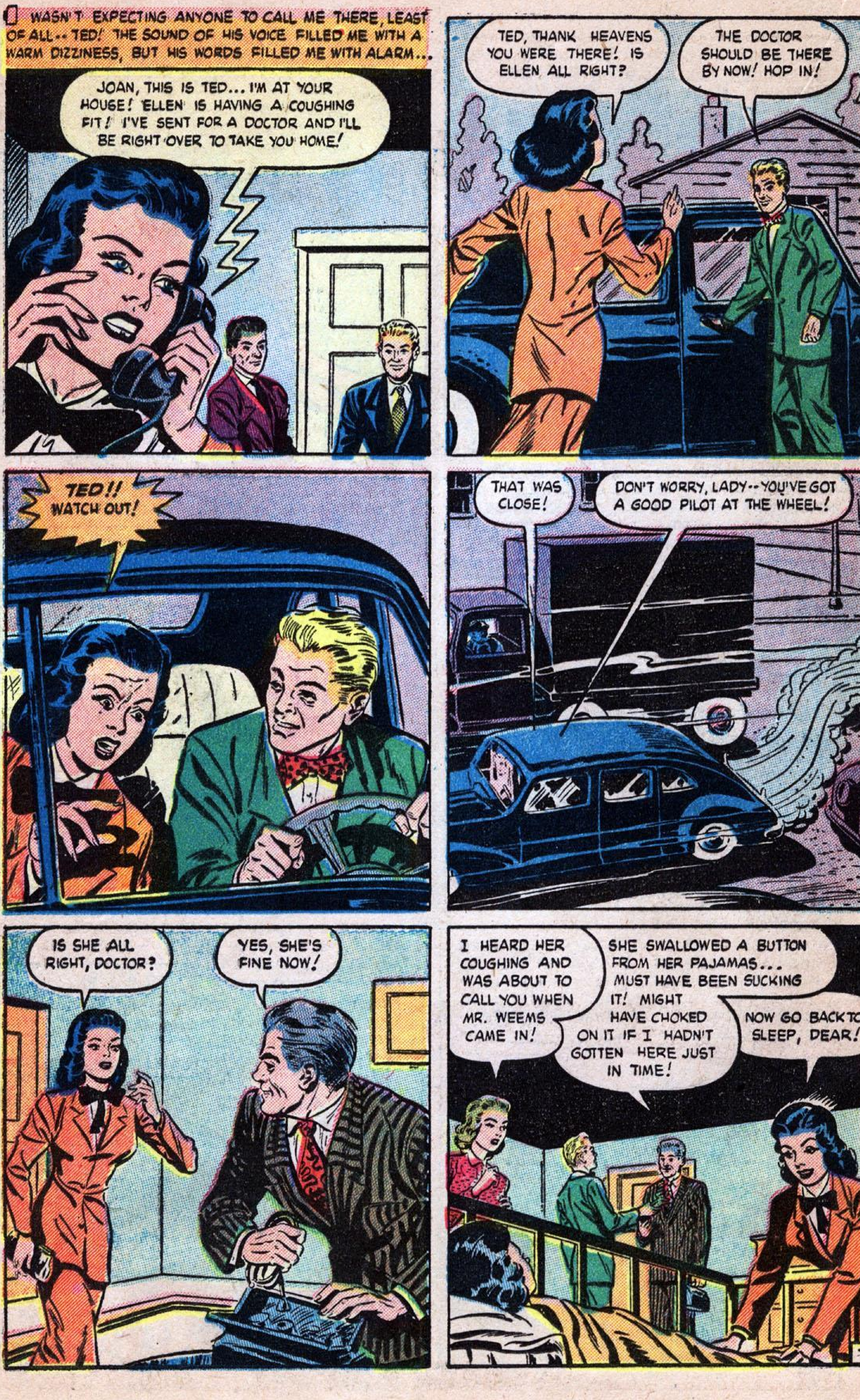

BUT, JOAN, WHERE ARE YOU RUNNING TO? THE PARTY'S JUST BEGINNING!
LET HER GO, CHARLIE! SHE'S MUCH TOO NICE A GIRL FOR YOU TO FOOL AROUND WITH!
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE PARTY IS *OVER!*

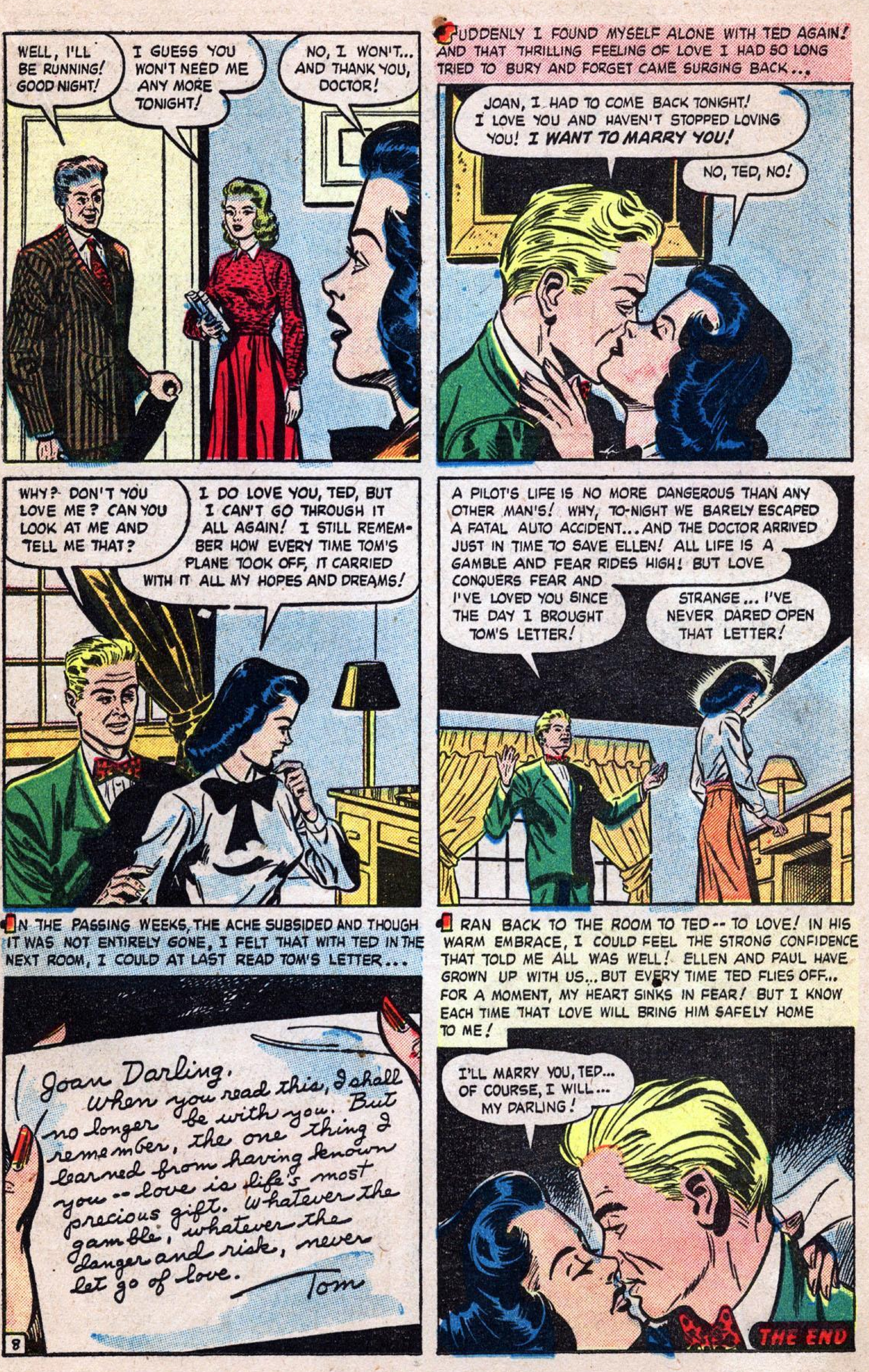

THE NEXT DAY ANN CALLED... SHE ASKED ME TO COME TO HER HOUSE THAT NIGHT TO SHOW ME THAT ALL HER FRIENDS WEREN'T TWO-TIMERS LIKE CHARLIE! LITTLE DID I REALIZE THAT THAT NIGHT FATE WOULD BE DEALING THE CARDS AND I WOULD BE HOLDING THE WINNING HAND...
CARDS TONIGHT? WELL, I HAD PLANNED TO GET TO BED EARLY... THAT'S VERY SWEET OF YOU, ANN! ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE THERE!


I GAVE TERRY, THE SITTER, ANN'S ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, AND PEEKED IN TO SEE IF THE KIDS WERE ASLEEP! THEN BUD CLARKE, THE MAN ANN HAD SENT TO CALL FOR ME, ARRIVED...
HERE, LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND!
THANKS! YOU'VE GOT THE ADDRESS AND EVERYTHING, TERRY?
DON'T WORRY, MISS MARTIN!

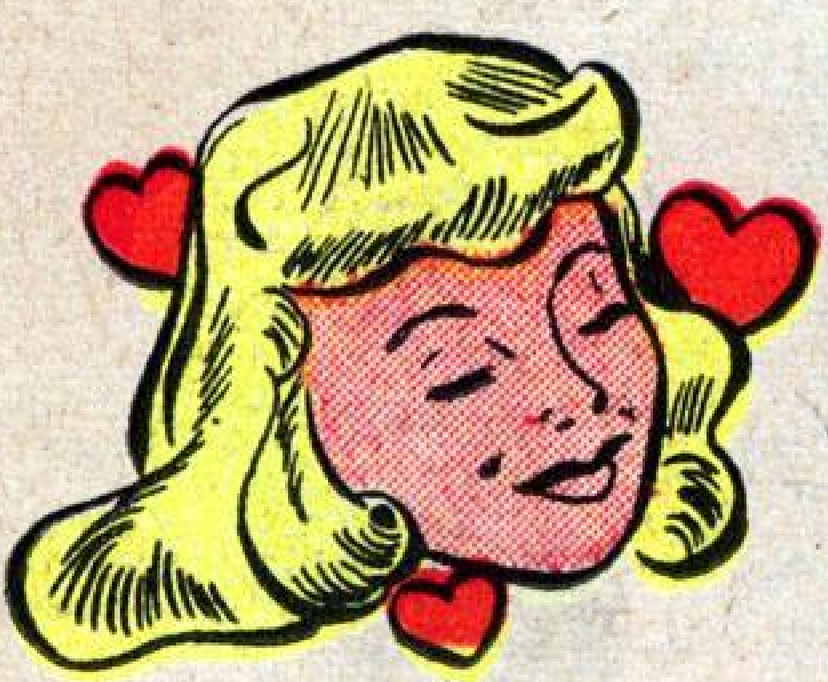

ANN'S VERY SORRY ABOUT LAST NIGHT! CHARLIE'S NOT THE NICEST PERSON AROUND, BUT I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THE OTHERS!
IF THEY'RE ABLE TO LIKE ME AFTER THEY'VE SEEN HOW I PLAY BRIDGE... THAT'LL BE REAL FRIENDSHIP!


IT WAS A QUIET AND ENJOYABLE EVENING! BUT SUDDENLY THE RINGING OF THE PHONE INTERRUPTED THE SMALL TALK AND LAUGHTER...
JOAN, IT'S FOR YOU!
FOR ME? WHO COULD BE CALLING ME?


I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYONE TO CALL ME THERE, LEAST OF ALL -- TED! THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE FILLED ME WITH A WARM DIZZINESS, BUT HIS WORDS FILLED ME WITH ALARM...
JOAN, THIS IS TED... I'M AT YOUR HOUSE! ELLEN IS HAVING A COUGHING FIT! I'VE SENT FOR A DOCTOR AND I'LL BE RIGHT OVER TO TAKE YOU HOME!
TED, THANK HEAVENS YOU WERE THERE! IS ELLEN ALL RIGHT?
THE DOCTOR SHOULD BE THERE BY NOW! HOP IN!
TED!! WATCH OUT!
THAT WAS CLOSE!
DON'T WORRY, LADY -- YOU'VE GOT A GOOD PILOT AT THE WHEEL!
IS SHE ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR?
YES, SHE'S FINE NOW!
I HEARD HER COUGHING AND WAS ABOUT TO CALL YOU WHEN MR. WEEMS CAME IN!
SHE SWALLOWED A BUTTON FROM HER PAJAMAS... MUST HAVE BEEN SUCKING IT! MIGHT HAVE CHOKED ON IT IF I HADN'T GOTTEN HERE JUST IN TIME!
NOW GO BACK TO SLEEP, DEAR!


WELL, I'LL BE RUNNING! GOOD NIGHT!
I GUESS YOU WON'T NEED ME ANY MORE TONIGHT!
NO, I WON'T... AND THANK YOU, DOCTOR!
SUDDENLY I FOUND MYSELF ALONE WITH TED AGAIN! AND THAT THRILLING FEELING OF LOVE I HAD SO LONG TRIED TO BURY AND FORGET CAME SURGING BACK...
JOAN, I HAD TO COME BACK TONIGHT! I LOVE YOU AND HAVEN'T STOPPED LOVING YOU! I WANT TO MARRY YOU!
NO, TED, NO!
WHY? DON'T YOU LOVE ME? CAN YOU LOOK AT ME AND TELL ME THAT?
I DO LOVE YOU, TED, BUT I CAN'T GO THROUGH IT ALL AGAIN! I STILL REMEMBER HOW EVERY TIME TOM'S PLANE TOOK OFF, IT CARRIED WITH IT ALL MY HOPES AND DREAMS!
A PILOT'S LIFE IS NO MORE DANGEROUS THAN ANY OTHER MAN'S! WHY, TO-NIGHT WE BARELY ESCAPED A FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT... AND THE DOCTOR ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO SAVE ELLEN! ALL LIFE IS A GAMBLE AND FEAR RIDES HIGH! BUT LOVE CONQUERS FEAR AND I'VE LOVED YOU SINCE THE DAY I BROUGHT TOM'S LETTER!
STRANGE... I'VE NEVER DARED OPEN THAT LETTER!
IN THE PASSING WEEKS, THE ACHE SUBSIDED AND THOUGH IT WAS NOT ENTIRELY GONE, I FELT THAT WITH TED IN THE NEXT ROOM, I COULD AT LAST READ TOM'S LETTER...
Joan Darling. When you read this, I shall no longer be with you. But remember, the one thing I learned from having known you -- love is life's most precious gift. Whatever the gamble, whatever the danger and risk, never let go of love. Tom
I RAN BACK TO THE ROOM TO TED -- TO LOVE! IN HIS WARM EMBRACE, I COULD FEEL THE STRONG CONFIDENCE THAT TOLD ME ALL WAS WELL! ELLEN AND PAUL HAVE GROWN UP WITH US... BUT EVERY TIME TED FLIES OFF... FOR A MOMENT, MY HEART SINKS IN FEAR! BUT I KNOW EACH TIME THAT LOVE WILL BRING HIM SAFELY HOME TO ME!
I'LL MARRY YOU, TED... OF COURSE, I WILL... MY DARLING!
THE END

# Let's Talk About Your Love Romances



LOVE IS A UNIVERSAL WORD THAT HAS THE SAME MEANING THE WORLD OVER...DON'T HIDE YOUR PERSONAL LOVE PROBLEMS DEEP IN THE VEST OF YOUR HEART! REMEMBER THAT WE CAN HELP BECAUSE WE ARE WILLING TO TALK OVER LOVE ROMANCES!

### *Jealous Friend Ruins Romance . . .*

Dear Editors,

I work in an office with a girl named Helen. Sometimes we get along all right, but sometimes we don't. She's jealous of every boy I go out with, and she's always trying to think of ways to break up my romances. I try to get rid of her, but she follows me around like a cat chasing a mouse. What can I do?

S. K.
Portland, Oregon

**Dear S. K.**

**Surely there is some way to keep your friend out of your hair. After all, Portland is a large city where you don't usually bump into your friends at every corner. Can't you plan your dates so that there would be no way for Helen to be included? There's always the possibility of changing your job but only if this girl becomes too unbearable. Be more cautious when talking about your dates, and don't give her the information that will keep her in such close contact with you!**

### *Will College and Marriage Mix?*

Dear Editors,

I am nineteen years old and Dick is eighteen. We are very much in love, and have been thinking about getting married for several months. Do you think it would be wise for us to make such plans when Dick is going away to college in a few months?

C. L.
Kansas City, Mo.

**Dear C. L.,**

**You'd be wise to wait until Dick is settled in his college curriculum before making any definite marital arrangements! Marriage should be built on a firm foundation, not an indefinite future. Would you follow him to college and try to find accommodations nearby, or would you remain at home? These are important questions to be answered by both you and Dick before taking any steps. He's beginning a new phase of his life, and there's a chance that college and marriage won't mix easily. Give yourselves *time* to plan . . . don't rush things!**

### *Future Mother-In-Law Troubles . . .*

Dear Editors,

I plan to be married in a few weeks to a wonderful fellow. We were perfectly happy with our plans until his mother suggested that we live with her. She's all alone and has plenty of room for us, but I'm sure that if we do accept her offer, there will be friction between us. His mother has always treated him like a baby, and I'm afraid that she will continue to do so. What should I do?

R. F.
Columbus, Ohio

**Dear R. F.,**

**You are wise to be cautious about such an arrangement, especially if your fiancé does have a possessive mother. If you feel that there will be friction between you and your future mother-in-law, talk over the matter with him and try to arrive at a decision that will insure your future happiness! Put your best foot forward and keep it there!**

## *Engagement Ring . . . Large or Small*

Dear Editors,

I've been engaged for several months, but my fiancé hasn't given me an engagement ring. I'd like to have one, even if it is small, so that I'll have something to show my friends. When I told him how I felt, he said that he wanted to wait until he could afford a larger diamond than he could afford now. How can I convince him that I don't care what size it is?

J. K.
Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Dear J. K.,**

**Selecting the engagement ring can be as important to boy as it is to the girl. Your constant insistence may sway him . . . but do you think it is right for you to demand that your fiancé buy you a ring immediately? Certainly he'll appreciate your willingness to accept a smaller diamond than the one he has in mind, but don't press the subject too far. Remember he's getting as much pleasure giving it to you as you will have receiving it!**

## *Age Hinders Love . . .*

Dear Editors,

I am only sixteen years old, and yet I know I'm in love with a college junior. I am sure that he loves me, because he has asked me to marry him several times, and I have always refused. I can't decide whether or not there is too much difference in our ages. We have been going steady for over a year, and we feel that marriage is an evitable step. Perhaps we should be married secretly, but there is still a seed of doubt in my mind. What do you think?

B. B.
Bethlehem, Pa.

**Dear B. B.,**

**It makes little difference if you and this young man aren't the same age—as long as you both have the same interests. Some girls mature more rapidly than others. Since you have been dating steadily for over a year, it is probable that you two are compatible. However just because you and this lad are in love doesn't mean that you are ready for marriage. This is a step that needs your full consideration, and it can't be decided in a short while. The many responsibilities of marriage are, frankly, too weighty for a sixteen-year-old girl. Don't begin such a relationship by being married secretly, as if you were doing the wrong thing. Why don't you delay thoughts of marriage awhile—until the seeds of doubt have been swept away, and your minds are free again?**

SORRY WE CANNOT ANSWER ALL YOUR LETTERS PERSONALLY...ONLY THOSE SELECTED TO APPEAR IN THIS COLUMN. ADDRESS YOUR LETTERS TO

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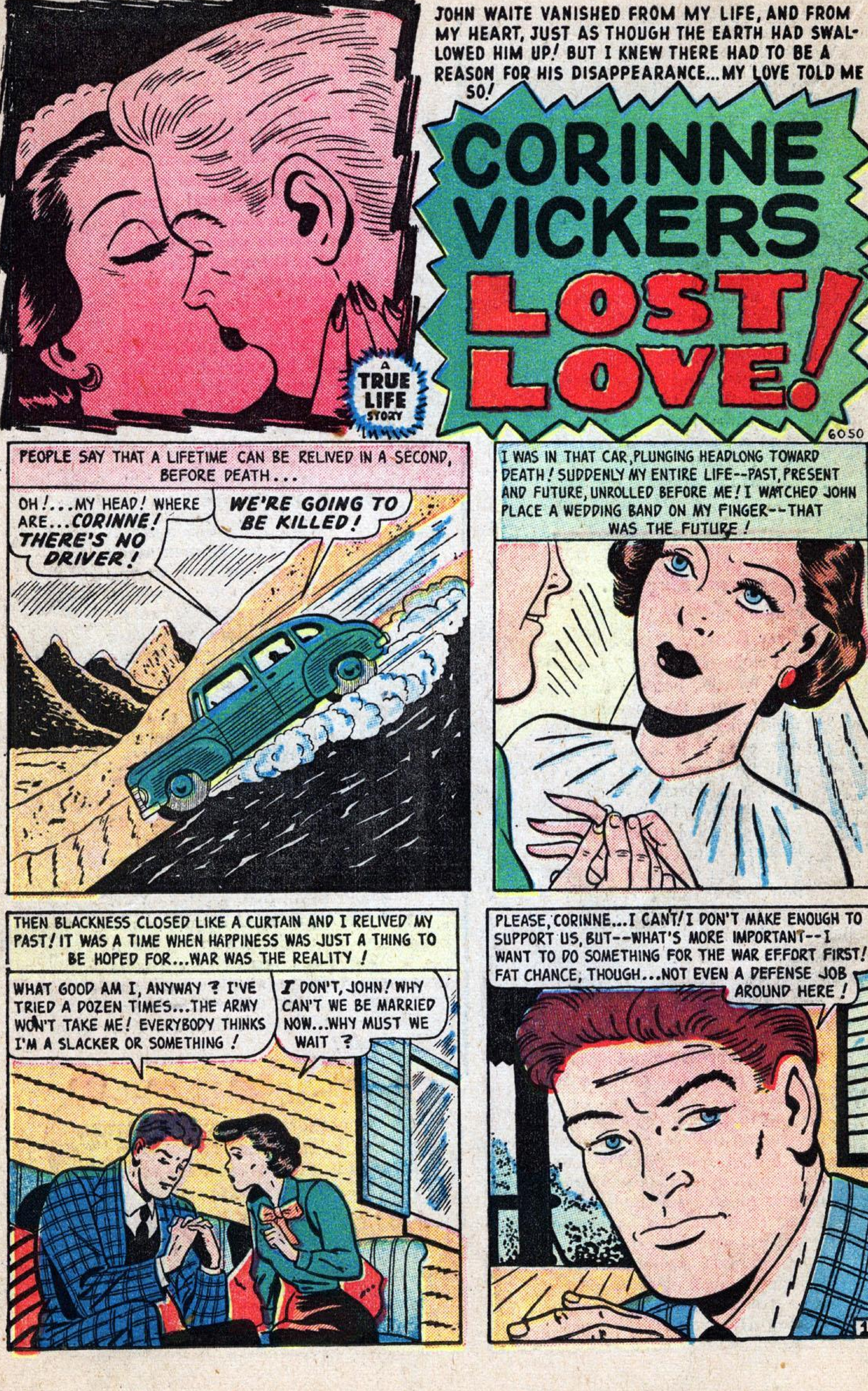
# CORINNE VICKERS LOST LOVE!


JOHN WAITE VANISHED FROM MY LIFE, AND FROM MY HEART, JUST AS THOUGH THE EARTH HAD SWALLOWED HIM UP! BUT I KNEW THERE HAD TO BE A REASON FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE... MY LOVE TOLD ME SO!
A TRUE LIFE STORY
6050
PEOPLE SAY THAT A LIFETIME CAN BE RELIVED IN A SECOND, BEFORE DEATH...
OH!... MY HEAD! WHERE ARE... CORINNE! THERE'S NO DRIVER!
WE'RE GOING TO BE KILLED!
I WAS IN THAT CAR, PLUNGING HEADLONG TOWARD DEATH! SUDDENLY MY ENTIRE LIFE--PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, UNROLLED BEFORE ME! I WATCHED JOHN PLACE A WEDDING BAND ON MY FINGER--THAT WAS THE FUTURE!
THEN BLACKNESS CLOSED LIKE A CURTAIN AND I RELIVED MY PAST! IT WAS A TIME WHEN HAPPINESS WAS JUST A THING TO BE HOPED FOR... WAR WAS THE REALITY!
WHAT GOOD AM I, ANYWAY? I'VE TRIED A DOZEN TIMES... THE ARMY WON'T TAKE ME! EVERYBODY THINKS I'M A SLACKER OR SOMETHING!
I DON'T, JOHN! WHY CAN'T WE BE MARRIED NOW... WHY MUST WE WAIT?
PLEASE, CORINNE... I CAN'T! I DON'T MAKE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT US, BUT--WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT--I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE WAR EFFORT FIRST! FAT CHANCE, THOUGH... NOT EVEN A DEFENSE JOB AROUND HERE!
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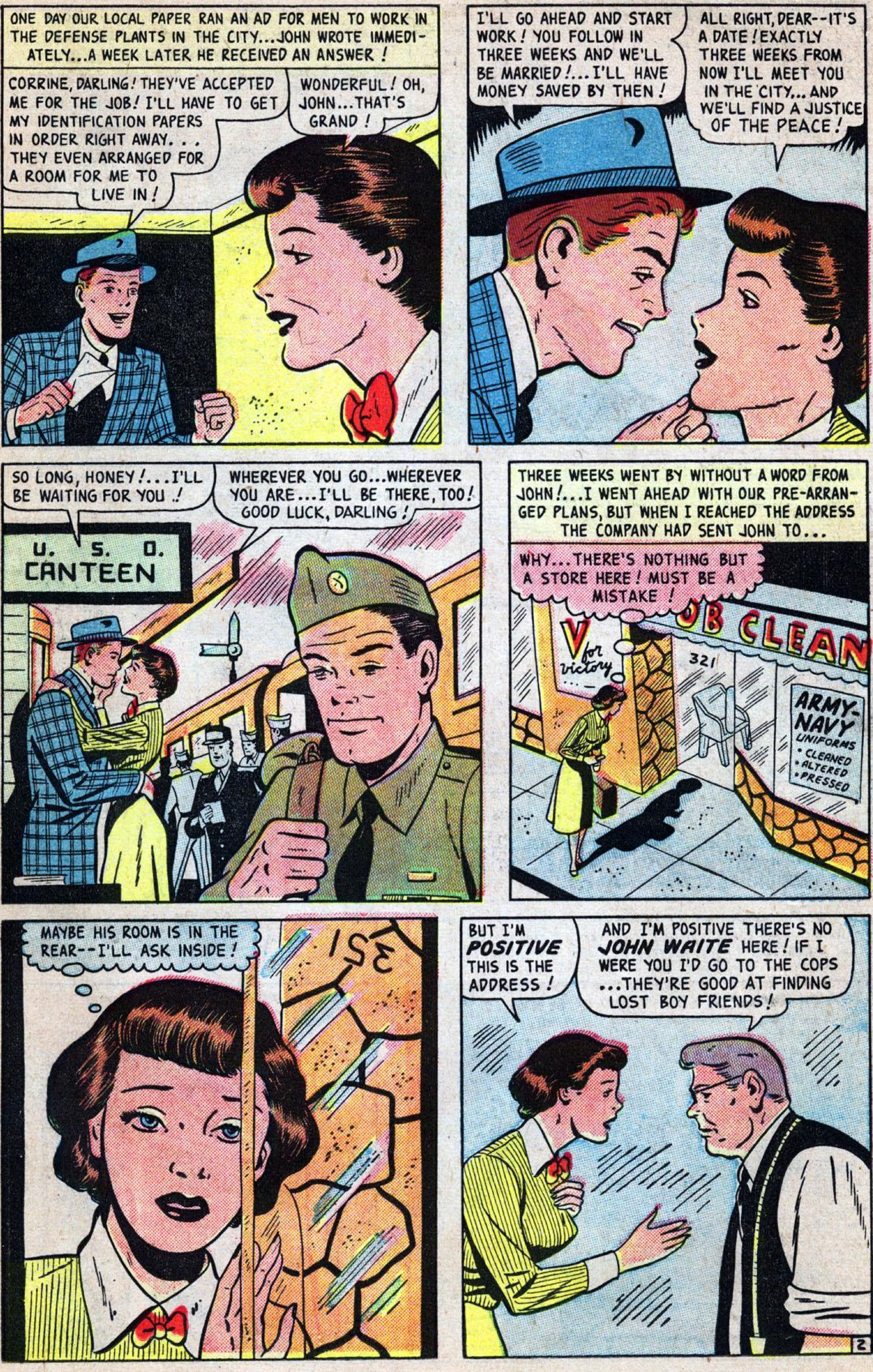
ONE DAY OUR LOCAL PAPER RAN AN AD FOR MEN TO WORK IN THE DEFENSE PLANTS IN THE CITY...JOHN WROTE IMMEDIATELY...A WEEK LATER HE RECEIVED AN ANSWER!
CORRINE, DARLING! THEY'VE ACCEPTED ME FOR THE JOB! I'LL HAVE TO GET MY IDENTIFICATION PAPERS IN ORDER RIGHT AWAY... THEY EVEN ARRANGED FOR A ROOM FOR ME TO LIVE IN!
WONDERFUL! OH, JOHN...THAT'S GRAND!
I'LL GO AHEAD AND START WORK! YOU FOLLOW IN THREE WEEKS AND WE'LL BE MARRIED!...I'LL HAVE MONEY SAVED BY THEN!
ALL RIGHT, DEAR--IT'S A DATE! EXACTLY THREE WEEKS FROM NOW I'LL MEET YOU IN THE CITY...AND WE'LL FIND A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE!
SO LONG, HONEY!...I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!
WHEREVER YOU GO...WHEREVER YOU ARE...I'LL BE THERE, TOO! GOOD LUCK, DARLING!
U. S. O. CANTEEN
THREE WEEKS WENT BY WITHOUT A WORD FROM JOHN!...I WENT AHEAD WITH OUR PRE-ARRANGED PLANS, BUT WHEN I REACHED THE ADDRESS THE COMPANY HAD SENT JOHN TO...
WHY...THERE'S NOTHING BUT A STORE HERE! MUST BE A MISTAKE!
V for victory
OB CLEAN
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ARMY-NAVY UNIFORMS • CLEANED • ALTERED • PRESSED
MAYBE HIS ROOM IS IN THE REAR--I'LL ASK INSIDE!
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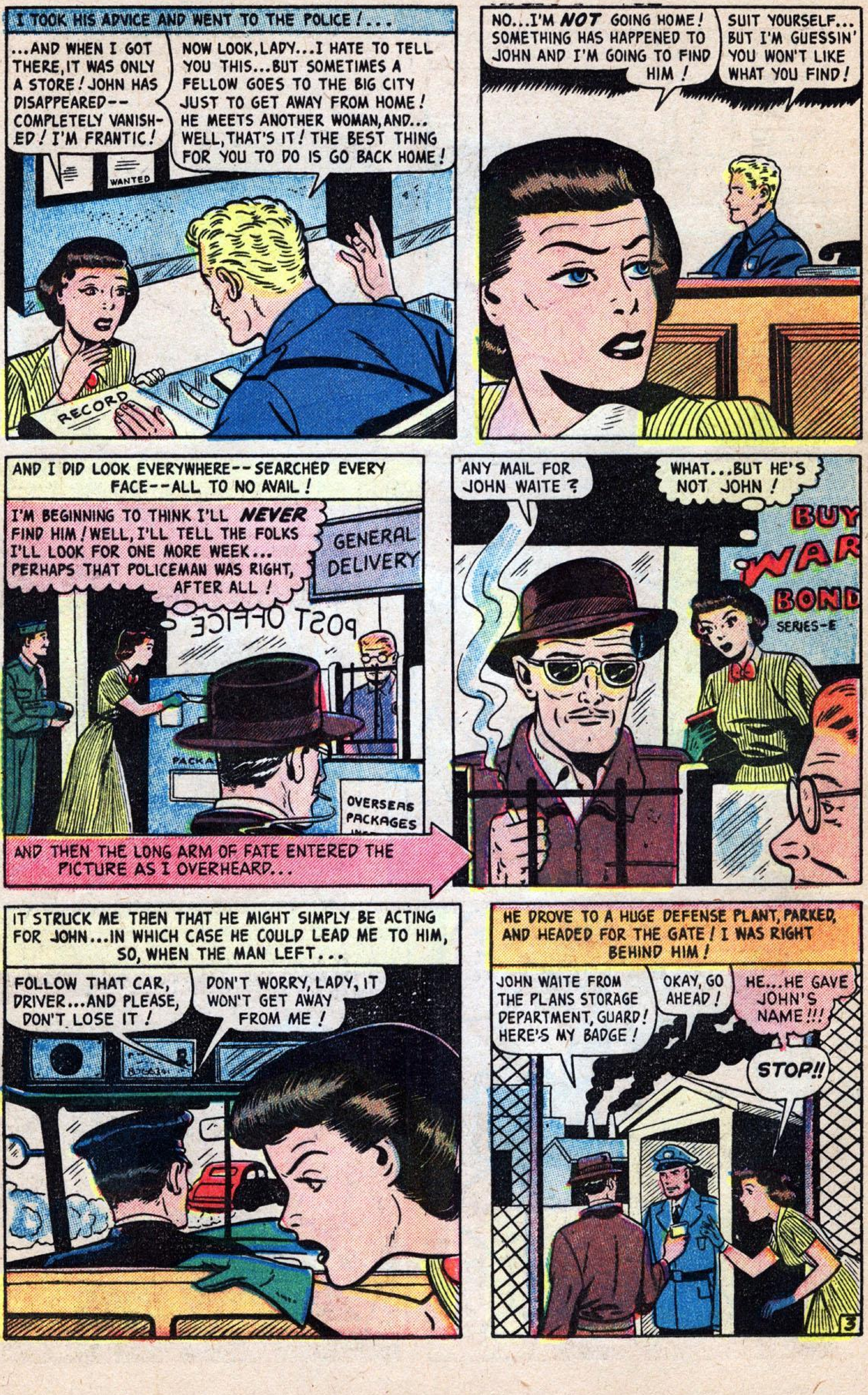
BUT I'M POSITIVE THIS IS THE ADDRESS!
AND I'M POSITIVE THERE'S NO JOHN WAITE HERE! IF I WERE YOU I'D GO TO THE COPS ...THEY'RE GOOD AT FINDING LOST BOY FRIENDS!


I TOOK HIS ADVICE AND WENT TO THE POLICE!...
...AND WHEN I GOT THERE, IT WAS ONLY A STORE! JOHN HAS DISAPPEARED-- COMPLETELY VANISHED! I'M FRANTIC!
NOW LOOK, LADY...I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS...BUT SOMETIMES A FELLOW GOES TO THE BIG CITY JUST TO GET AWAY FROM HOME! HE MEETS ANOTHER WOMAN, AND... WELL, THAT'S IT! THE BEST THING FOR YOU TO DO IS GO BACK HOME!
WANTED
RECORD
NO...I'M **NOT** GOING HOME! SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO JOHN AND I'M GOING TO FIND HIM!
SUIT YOURSELF... BUT I'M GUESSIN' YOU WON'T LIKE WHAT YOU FIND!
AND I DID LOOK EVERYWHERE--SEARCHED EVERY FACE--ALL TO NO AVAIL!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK I'LL **NEVER** FIND HIM! WELL, I'LL TELL THE FOLKS I'LL LOOK FOR ONE MORE WEEK... PERHAPS THAT POLICEMAN WAS RIGHT, AFTER ALL!
GENERAL DELIVERY
POST OFFICE
PACKA
OVERSEAS PACKAGES
AND THEN THE LONG ARM OF FATE ENTERED THE PICTURE AS I OVERHEARD...
ANY MAIL FOR JOHN WAITE?
WHAT...BUT HE'S NOT JOHN!
BUY WAR BONDS SERIES-E
IT STRUCK ME THEN THAT HE MIGHT SIMPLY BE ACTING FOR JOHN...IN WHICH CASE HE COULD LEAD ME TO HIM, SO, WHEN THE MAN LEFT...
FOLLOW THAT CAR, DRIVER...AND PLEASE, DON'T LOSE IT!
DON'T WORRY, LADY, IT WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME!
HE DROVE TO A HUGE DEFENSE PLANT, PARKED, AND HEADED FOR THE GATE! I WAS RIGHT BEHIND HIM!
JOHN WAITE FROM THE PLANS STORAGE DEPARTMENT, GUARD! HERE'S MY BADGE!
OKAY, GO AHEAD!
HE...HE GAVE JOHN'S NAME!!!
STOP!!
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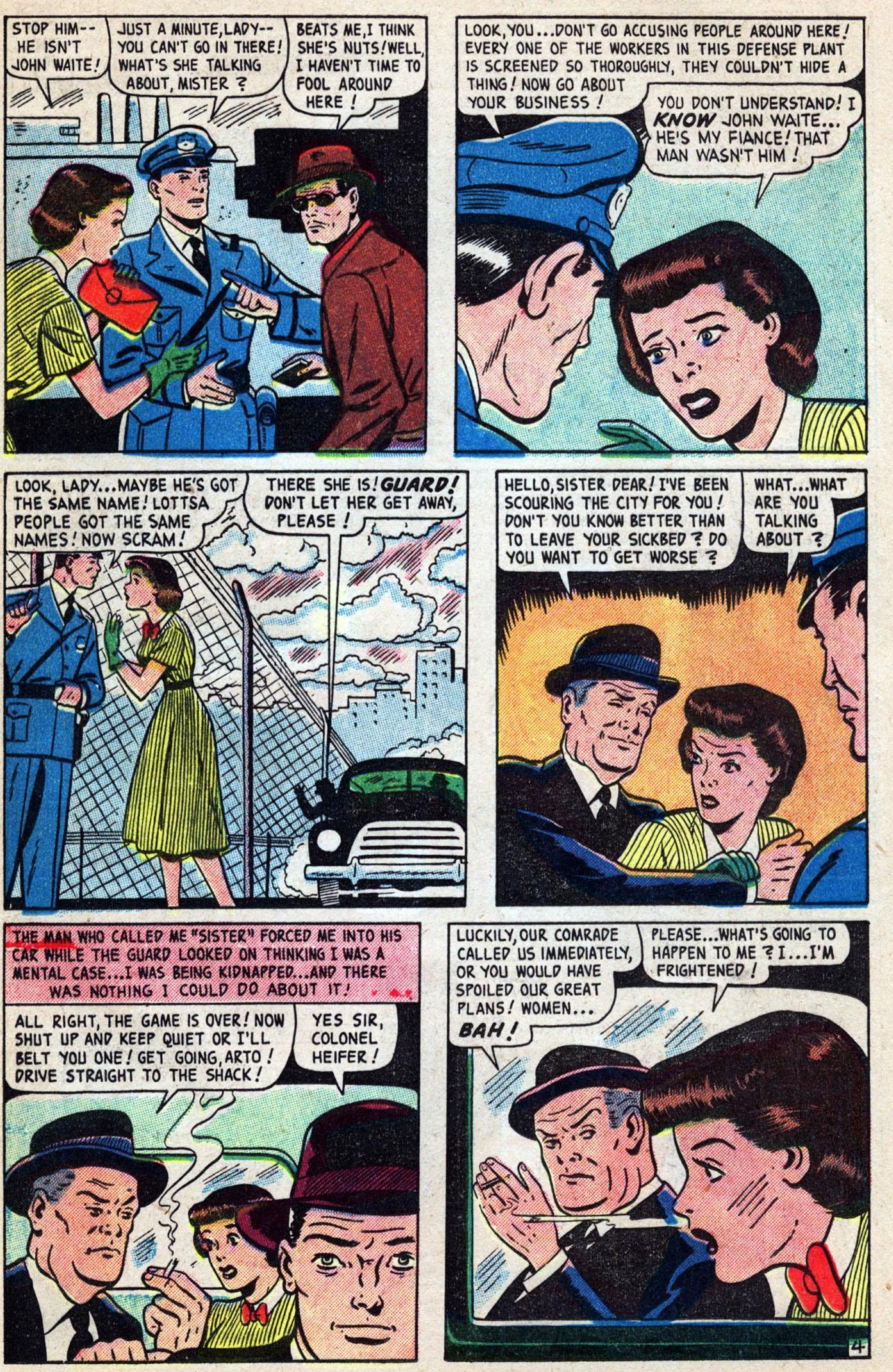
STOP HIM-- HE ISN'T JOHN WAITE!
JUST A MINUTE, LADY-- YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE! WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT, MISTER ?
BEATS ME, I THINK SHE'S NUTS! WELL, I HAVEN'T TIME TO FOOL AROUND HERE!
LOOK, YOU...DON'T GO ACCUSING PEOPLE AROUND HERE! EVERY ONE OF THE WORKERS IN THIS DEFENSE PLANT IS SCREENED SO THOROUGHLY, THEY COULDN'T HIDE A THING! NOW GO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I KNOW JOHN WAITE... HE'S MY FIANCE! THAT MAN WASN'T HIM!
LOOK, LADY...MAYBE HE'S GOT THE SAME NAME! LOTTSA PEOPLE GOT THE SAME NAMES! NOW SCRAM!
THERE SHE IS! GUARD! DON'T LET HER GET AWAY, PLEASE!
HELLO, SISTER DEAR! I'VE BEEN SCOURING THE CITY FOR YOU! DON'T YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO LEAVE YOUR SICKBED ? DO YOU WANT TO GET WORSE ?
WHAT...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?
THE MAN WHO CALLED ME "SISTER" FORCED ME INTO HIS CAR WHILE THE GUARD LOOKED ON THINKING I WAS A MENTAL CASE...I WAS BEING KIDNAPPED...AND THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO ABOUT IT!
ALL RIGHT, THE GAME IS OVER! NOW SHUT UP AND KEEP QUIET OR I'LL BELT YOU ONE! GET GOING, ARTO! DRIVE STRAIGHT TO THE SHACK!
YES SIR, COLONEL HEIFER!
LUCKILY, OUR COMRADE CALLED US IMMEDIATELY, OR YOU WOULD HAVE SPOILED OUR GREAT PLANS! WOMEN... BAH!
PLEASE...WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME ? I...I'M FRIGHTENED!
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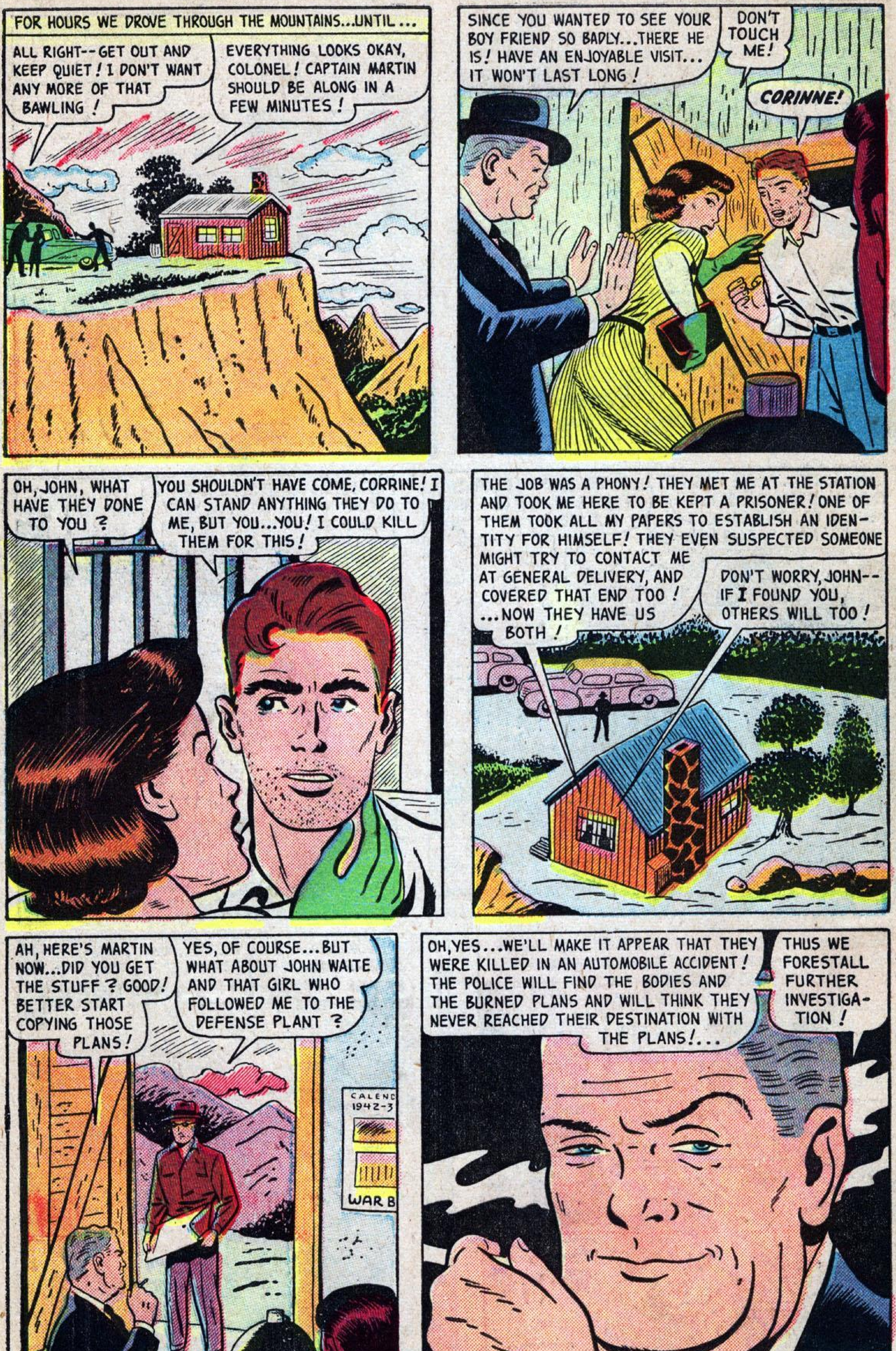
FOR HOURS WE DROVE THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS...UNTIL...
ALL RIGHT--GET OUT AND KEEP QUIET! I DON'T WANT ANY MORE OF THAT BAWLING!
EVERYTHING LOOKS OKAY, COLONEL! CAPTAIN MARTIN SHOULD BE ALONG IN A FEW MINUTES!
SINCE YOU WANTED TO SEE YOUR BOY FRIEND SO BADLY...THERE HE IS! HAVE AN ENJOYABLE VISIT... IT WON'T LAST LONG!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
CORINNE!
OH, JOHN, WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME, CORRINE! I CAN STAND ANYTHING THEY DO TO ME, BUT YOU...YOU! I COULD KILL THEM FOR THIS!
THE JOB WAS A PHONY! THEY MET ME AT THE STATION AND TOOK ME HERE TO BE KEPT A PRISONER! ONE OF THEM TOOK ALL MY PAPERS TO ESTABLISH AN IDENTITY FOR HIMSELF! THEY EVEN SUSPECTED SOMEONE MIGHT TRY TO CONTACT ME AT GENERAL DELIVERY, AND COVERED THAT END TOO! ...NOW THEY HAVE US BOTH!
DON'T WORRY, JOHN--IF I FOUND YOU, OTHERS WILL TOO!
AH, HERE'S MARTIN NOW...DID YOU GET THE STUFF? GOOD! BETTER START COPYING THOSE PLANS!
YES, OF COURSE...BUT WHAT ABOUT JOHN WAITE AND THAT GIRL WHO FOLLOWED ME TO THE DEFENSE PLANT?
CALEND
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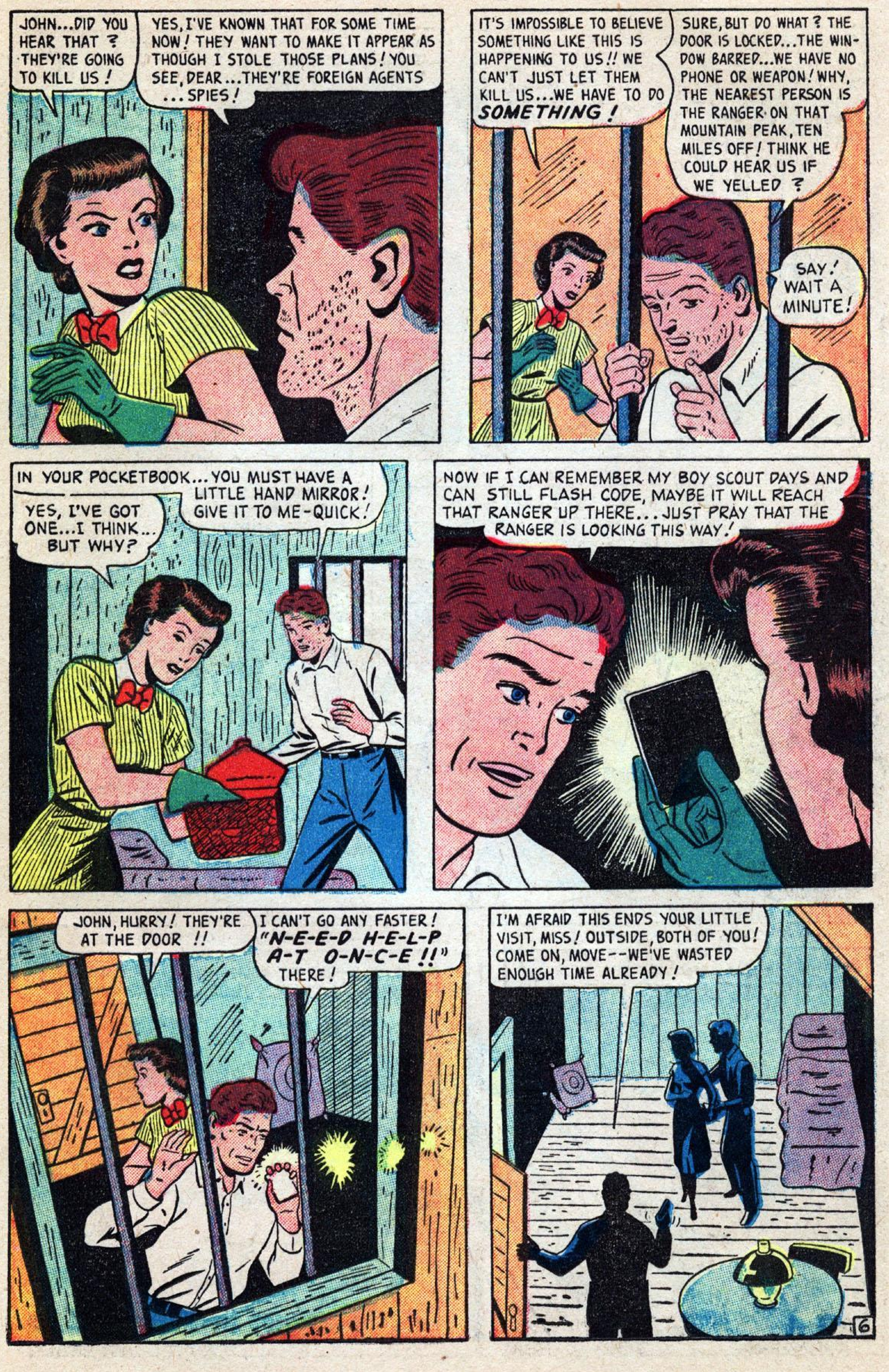
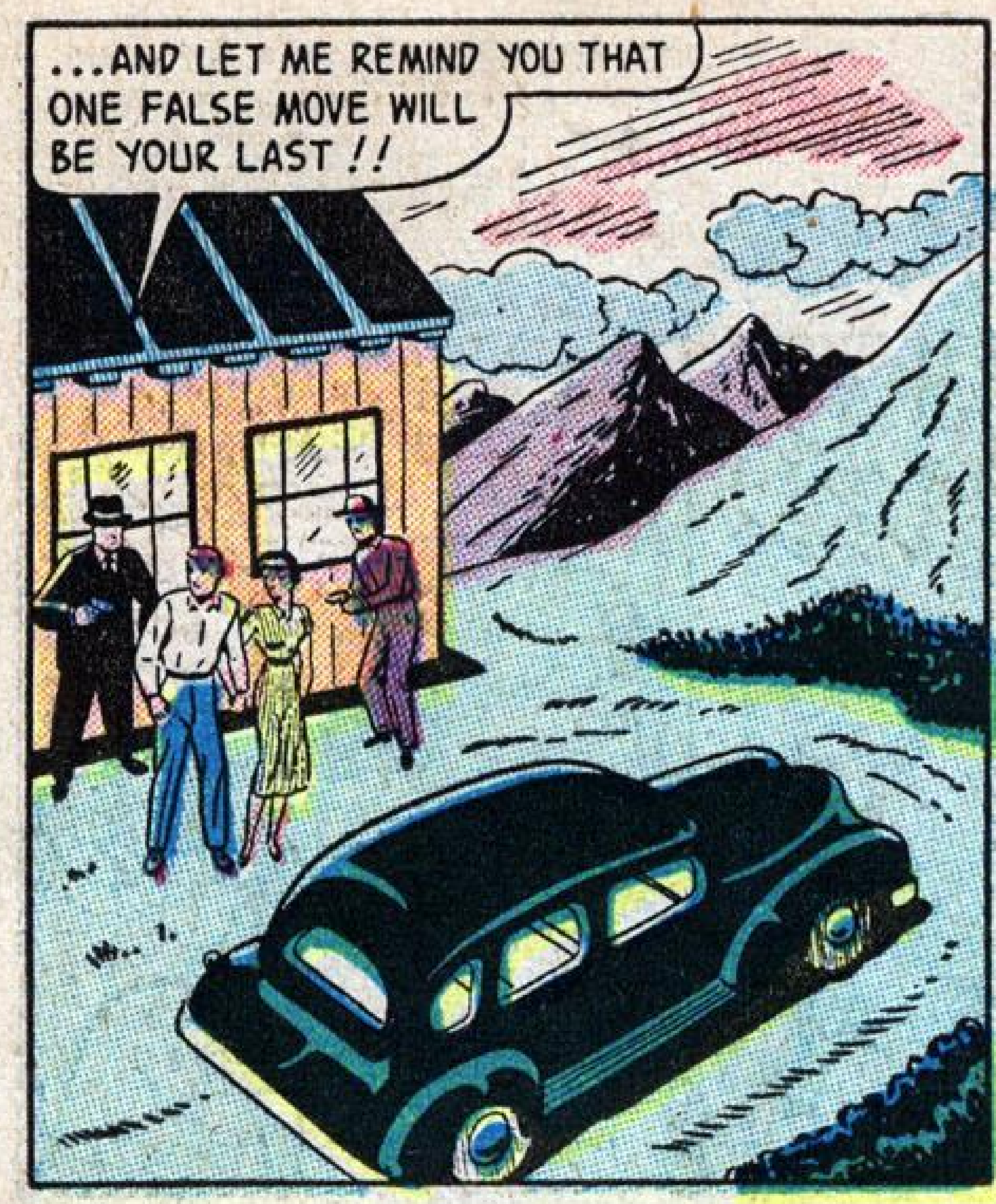
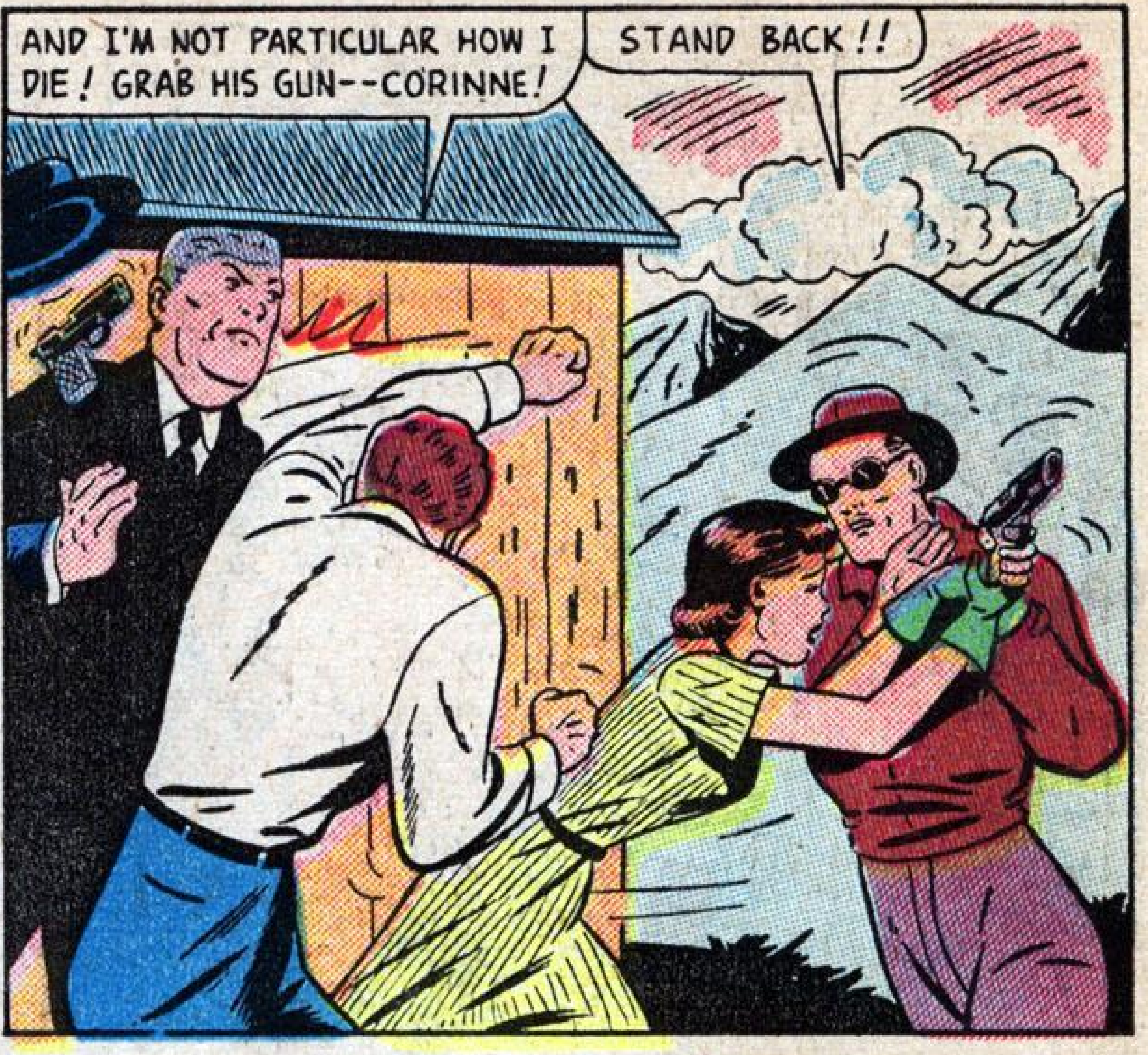
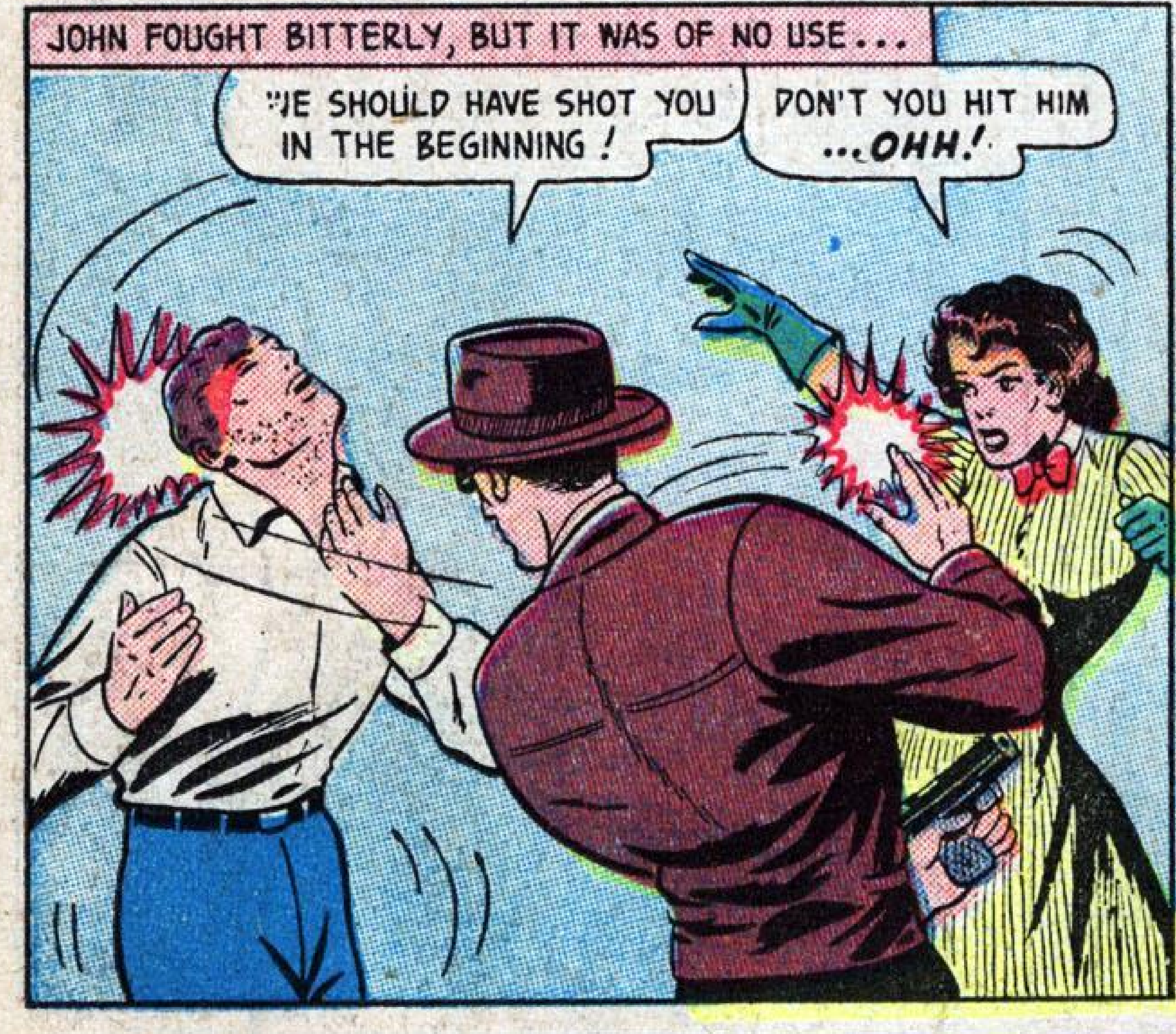
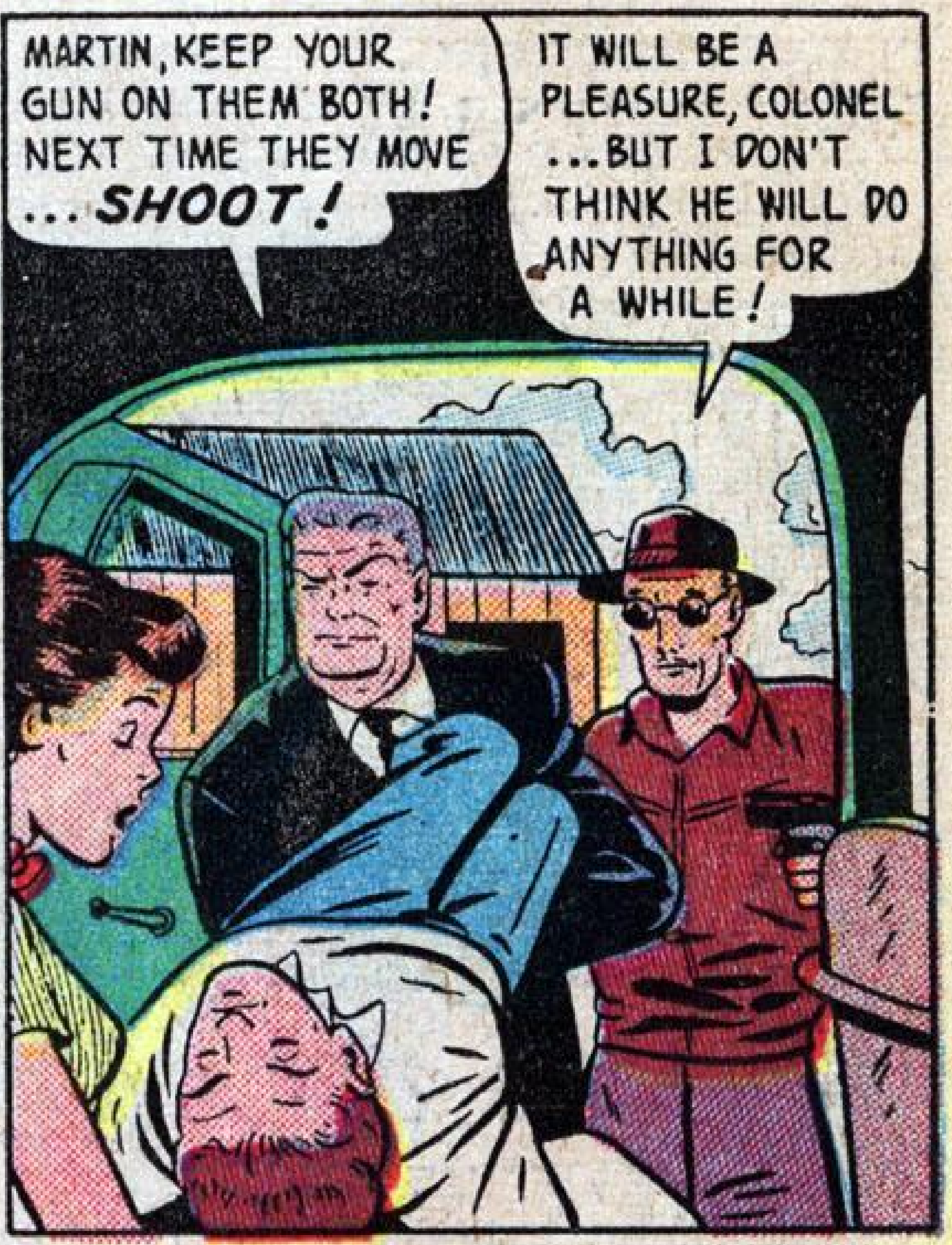
WAR B
OH, YES...WE'LL MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THEY WERE KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT! THE POLICE WILL FIND THE BODIES AND THE BURNED PLANS AND WILL THINK THEY NEVER REACHED THEIR DESTINATION WITH THE PLANS!...
THUS WE FORESTALL FURTHER INVESTIGATION!

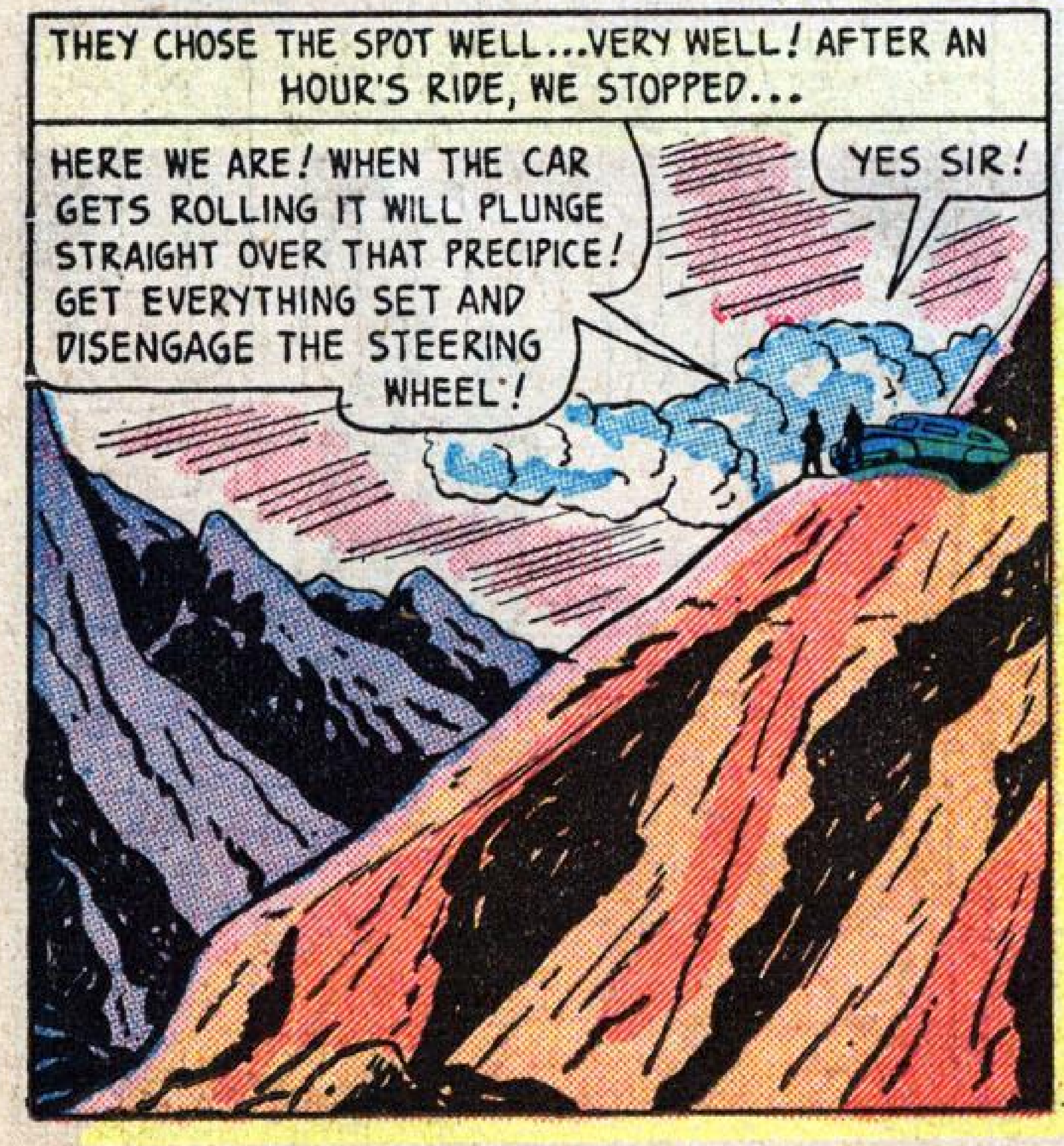

JOHN...DID YOU HEAR THAT ? THEY'RE GOING TO KILL US !
YES, I'VE KNOWN THAT FOR SOME TIME NOW ! THEY WANT TO MAKE IT APPEAR AS THOUGH I STOLE THOSE PLANS ! YOU SEE, DEAR...THEY'RE FOREIGN AGENTS ...SPIES !
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS HAPPENING TO US !! WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM KILL US...WE HAVE TO DO **SOMETHING !**
SURE, BUT DO WHAT ? THE DOOR IS LOCKED...THE WINDOW BARRED...WE HAVE NO PHONE OR WEAPON ! WHY, THE NEAREST PERSON IS THE RANGER ON THAT MOUNTAIN PEAK, TEN MILES OFF ! THINK HE COULD HEAR US IF WE YELLED ?
SAY ! WAIT A MINUTE !
IN YOUR POCKETBOOK...YOU MUST HAVE A LITTLE HAND MIRROR ! GIVE IT TO ME-QUICK !
YES, I'VE GOT ONE...I THINK... BUT WHY?
NOW IF I CAN REMEMBER MY BOY SCOUT DAYS AND CAN STILL FLASH CODE, MAYBE IT WILL REACH THAT RANGER UP THERE... JUST PRAY THAT THE RANGER IS LOOKING THIS WAY !
JOHN, HURRY ! THEY'RE AT THE DOOR !!
I CAN'T GO ANY FASTER ! ***"N-E-E-D H-E-L-P A-T O-N-C-E !!"*** THERE !
I'M AFRAID THIS ENDS YOUR LITTLE VISIT, MISS ! OUTSIDE, BOTH OF YOU ! COME ON, MOVE--WE'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME ALREADY !

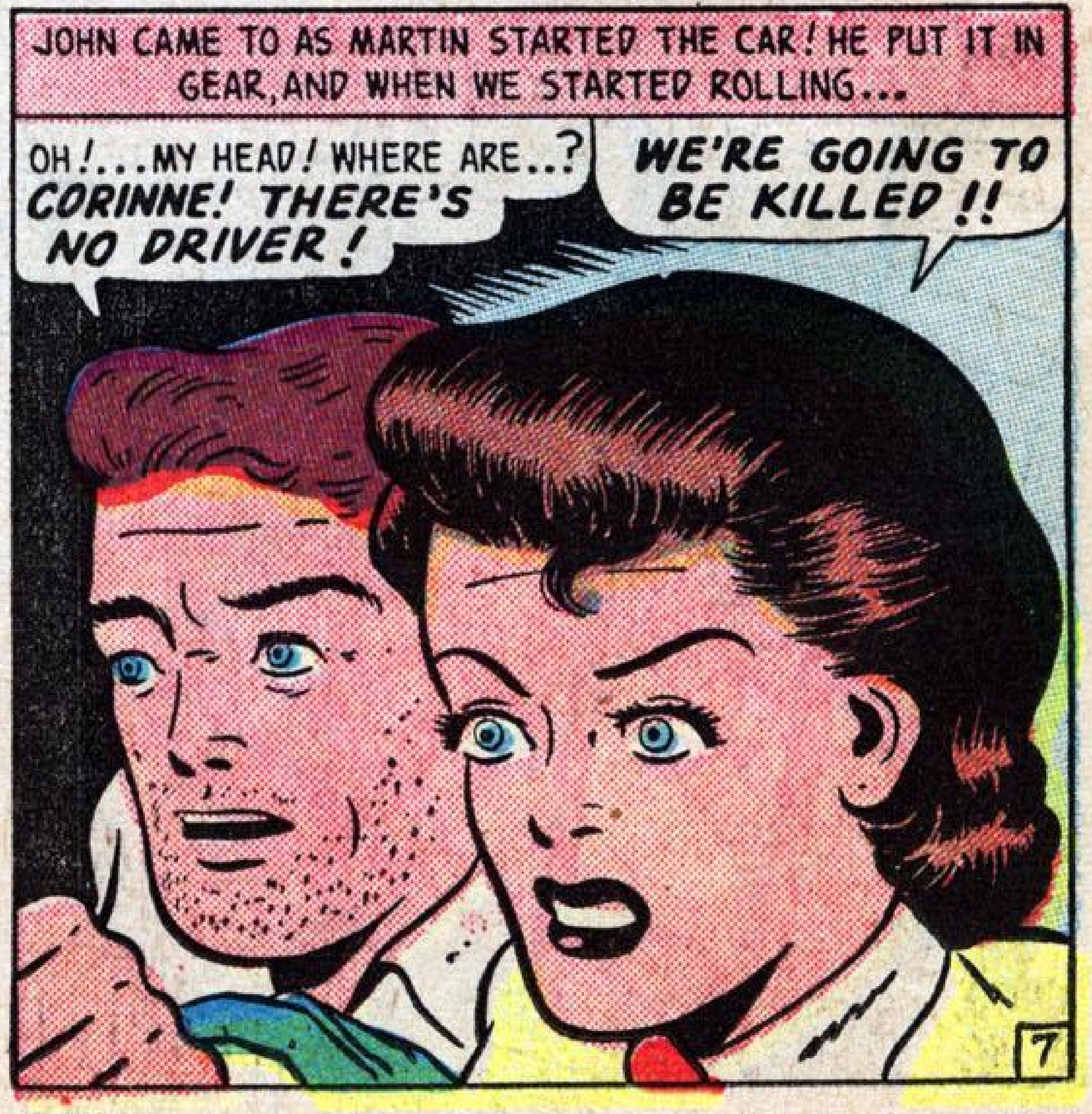

...AND LET ME REMIND YOU THAT ONE FALSE MOVE WILL BE YOUR LAST !!

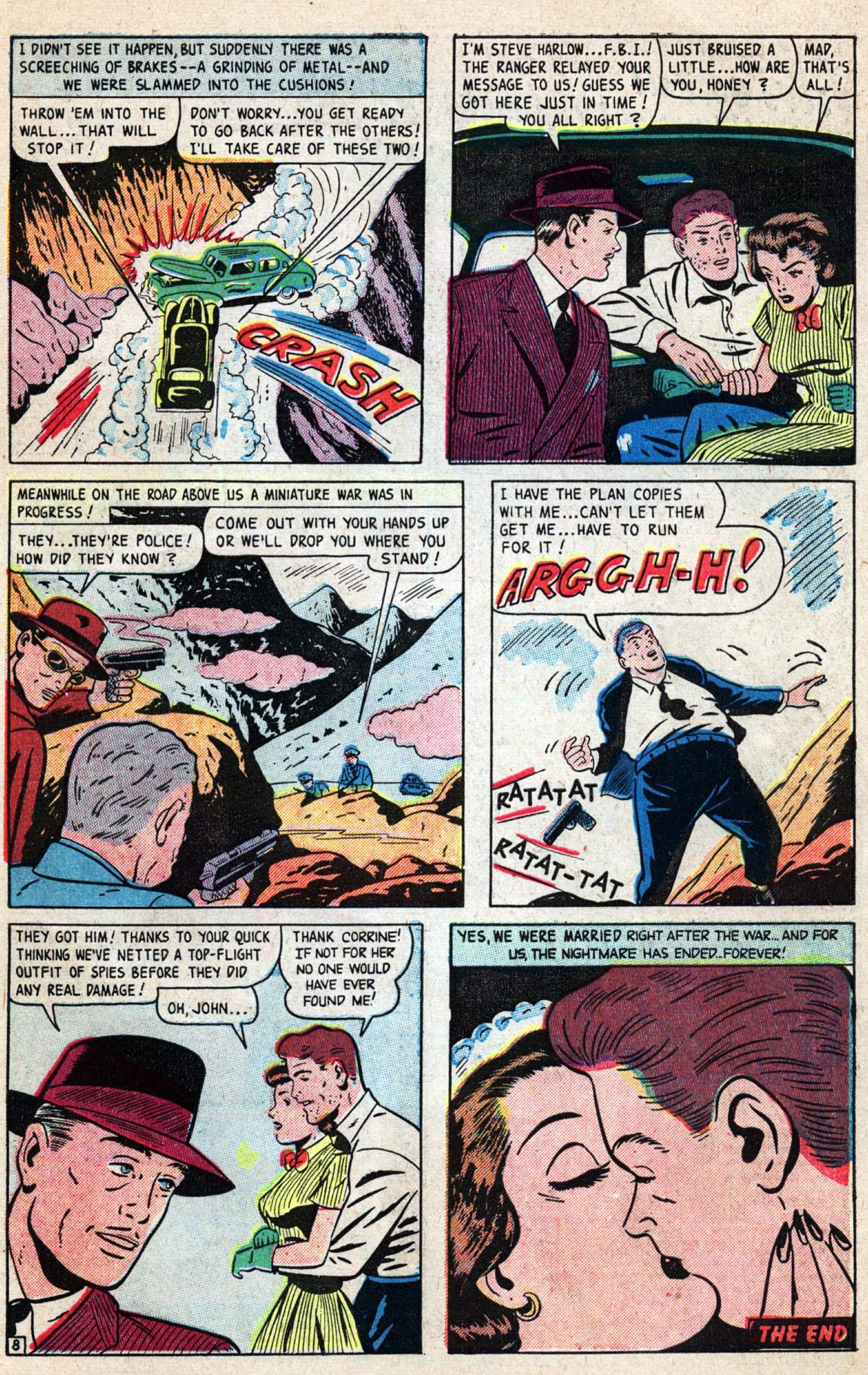

AND I'M NOT PARTICULAR HOW I DIE! GRAB HIS GUN--CORINNE!
STAND BACK!!


JOHN FOUGHT BITTERLY, BUT IT WAS OF NO USE...
WE SHOULD HAVE SHOT YOU IN THE BEGINNING!
DON'T YOU HIT HIM ...OHH!


MARTIN, KEEP YOUR GUN ON THEM BOTH! NEXT TIME THEY MOVE ...SHOOT!
IT WILL BE A PLEASURE, COLONEL ...BUT I DON'T THINK HE WILL DO ANYTHING FOR A WHILE!


THEY CHOSE THE SPOT WELL...VERY WELL! AFTER AN HOUR'S RIDE, WE STOPPED...
HERE WE ARE! WHEN THE CAR GETS ROLLING IT WILL PLUNGE STRAIGHT OVER THAT PRECIPICE! GET EVERYTHING SET AND DISENGAGE THE STEERING WHEEL!
YES SIR!


JOHN CAME TO AS MARTIN STARTED THE CAR! HE PUT IT IN GEAR, AND WHEN WE STARTED ROLLING...
OH!...MY HEAD! WHERE ARE..? CORINNE! THERE'S NO DRIVER!
WE'RE GOING TO BE KILLED!!


I DIDN'T SEE IT HAPPEN, BUT SUDDENLY THERE WAS A SCREECHING OF BRAKES--A GRINDING OF METAL--AND WE WERE SLAMMED INTO THE CUSHIONS!
THROW 'EM INTO THE WALL...THAT WILL STOP IT!
DON'T WORRY...YOU GET READY TO GO BACK AFTER THE OTHERS! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE TWO!
CRASH
I'M STEVE HARLOW...F.B.I.! THE RANGER RELAYED YOUR MESSAGE TO US! GUESS WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME! YOU ALL RIGHT?
JUST BRUISED A LITTLE...HOW ARE YOU, HONEY?
MAD, THAT'S ALL!
MEANWHILE ON THE ROAD ABOVE US A MINIATURE WAR WAS IN PROGRESS!
THEY...THEY'RE POLICE! HOW DID THEY KNOW?
COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP OR WE'LL DROP YOU WHERE YOU STAND!
I HAVE THE PLAN COPIES WITH ME...CAN'T LET THEM GET ME...HAVE TO RUN FOR IT!
ARGGH-H!
RATATAT
RATAT-TAT
THEY GOT HIM! THANKS TO YOUR QUICK THINKING WE'VE NETTED A TOP-FLIGHT OUTFIT OF SPIES BEFORE THEY DID ANY REAL DAMAGE!
OH, JOHN...
THANK CORRINE! IF NOT FOR HER NO ONE WOULD HAVE EVER FOUND ME!
YES, WE WERE MARRIED RIGHT AFTER THE WAR..AND FOR US, THE NIGHTMARE HAS ENDED..FOREVER!
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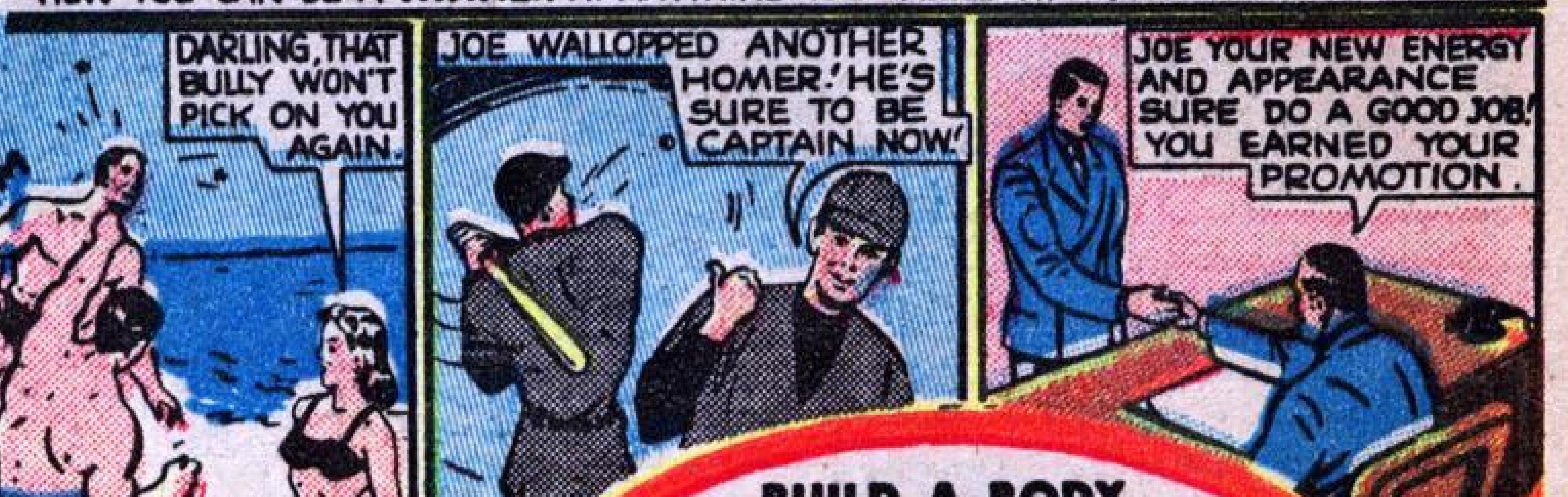
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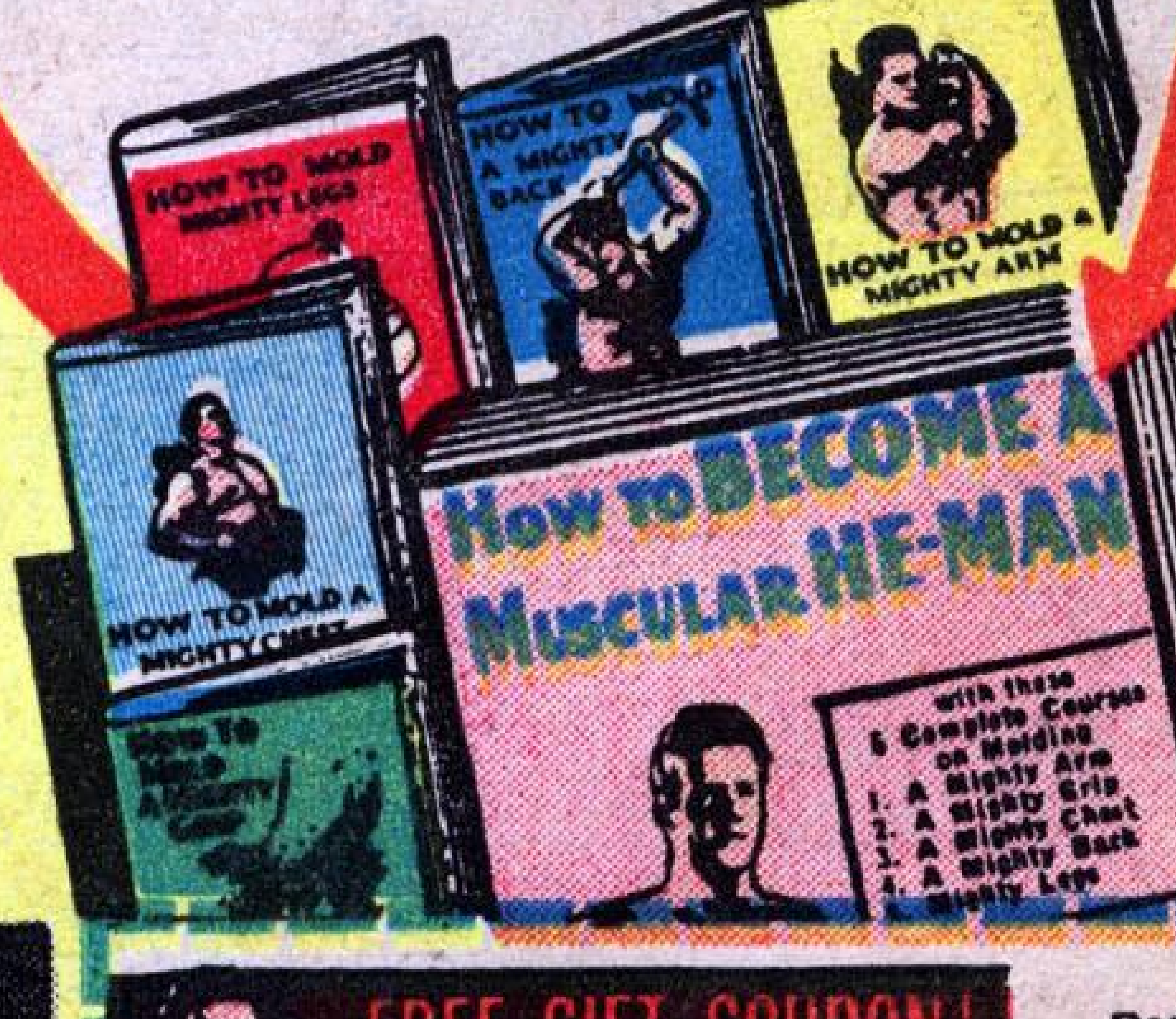
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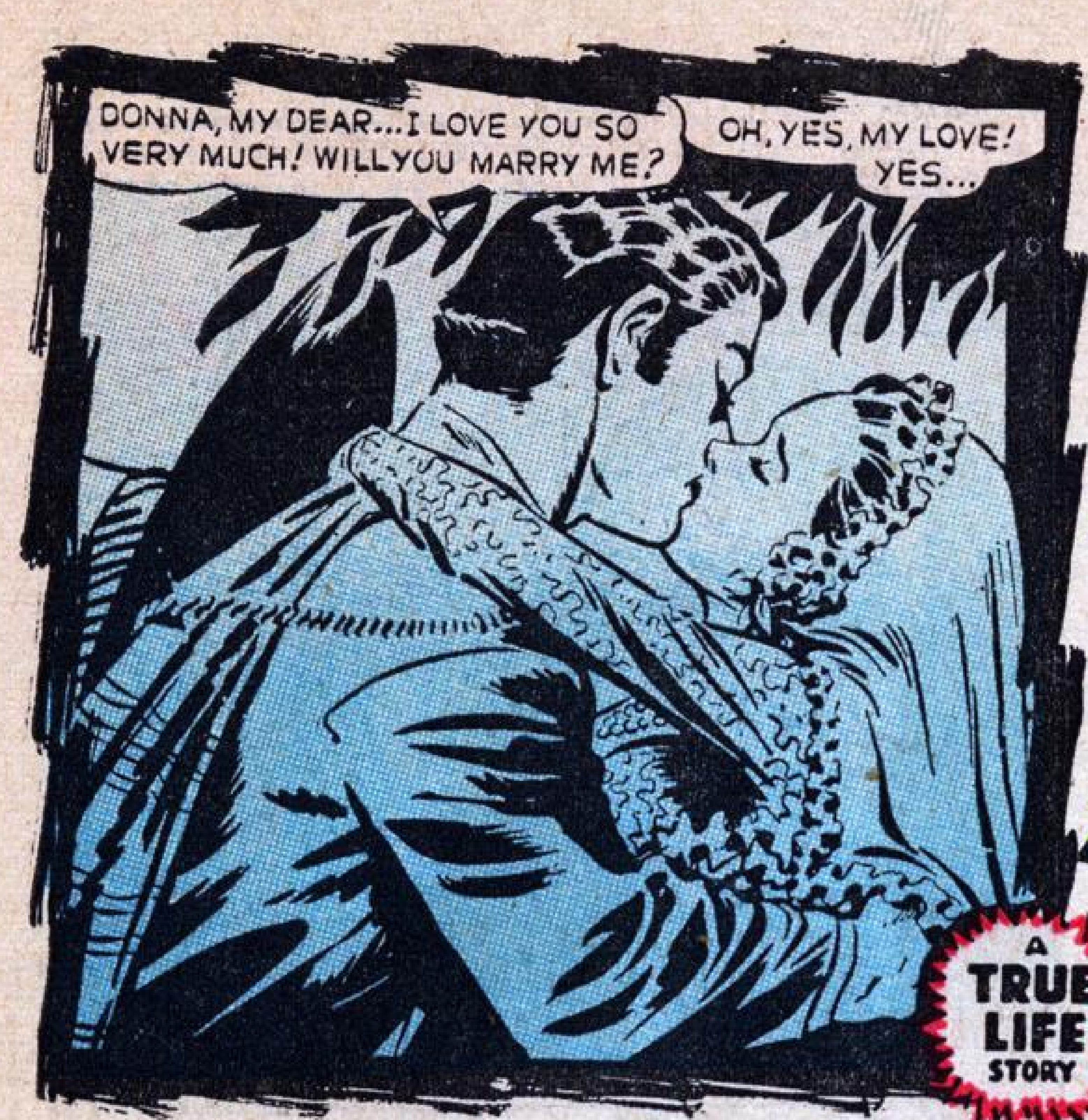
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ALMOST EVERY GIRL DREAMS OF LOVE, HAPPINESS, AND MARRIAGE! BUT I HAD DIFFERENT DREAMS... MY DREAMS WERE NIGHTMARES AND FOR ME THE FUTURE WAS A TERRIFYING, FEARFUL THING!!!

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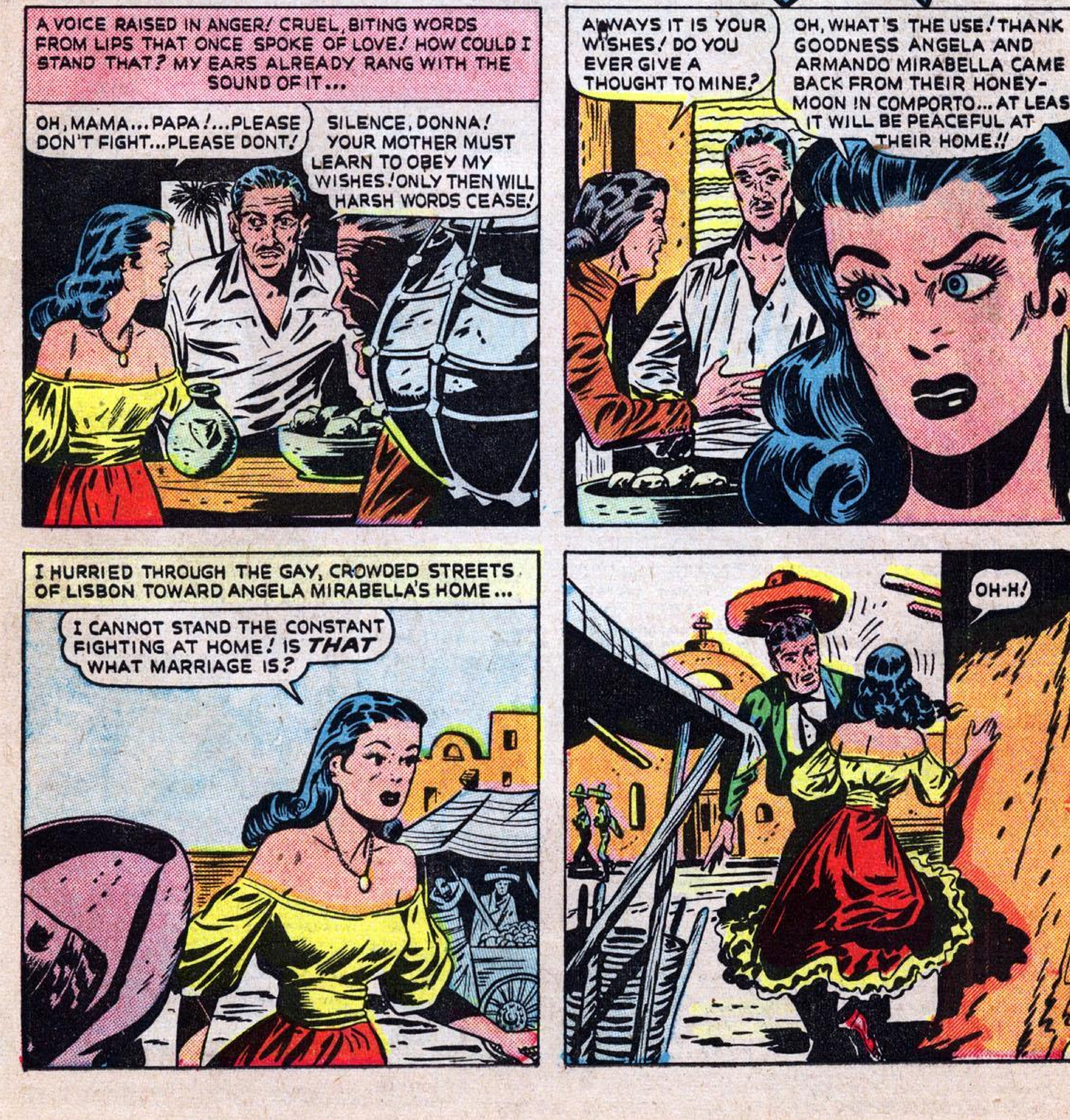
A VOICE RAISED IN ANGER! CRUEL, BITING WORDS FROM LIPS THAT ONCE SPOKE OF LOVE! HOW COULD I STAND THAT? MY EARS ALREADY RANG WITH THE SOUND OF IT...
OH, MAMA... PAPA!... PLEASE DON'T FIGHT... PLEASE DONT!
SILENCE, DONNA! YOUR MOTHER MUST LEARN TO OBEY MY WISHES! ONLY THEN WILL HARSH WORDS CEASE!
ALWAYS IT IS YOUR WISHES! DO YOU EVER GIVE A THOUGHT TO MINE?
OH, WHAT'S THE USE! THANK GOODNESS ANGELA AND ARMANDO MIRABELLA CAME BACK FROM THEIR HONEYMOON IN COMPORTO... AT LEAST IT WILL BE PEACEFUL AT THEIR HOME!!
I HURRIED THROUGH THE GAY, CROWDED STREETS OF LISBON TOWARD ANGELA MIRABELLA'S HOME...
I CANNOT STAND THE CONSTANT FIGHTING AT HOME! IS *THAT* WHAT MARRIAGE IS?
OH-H!
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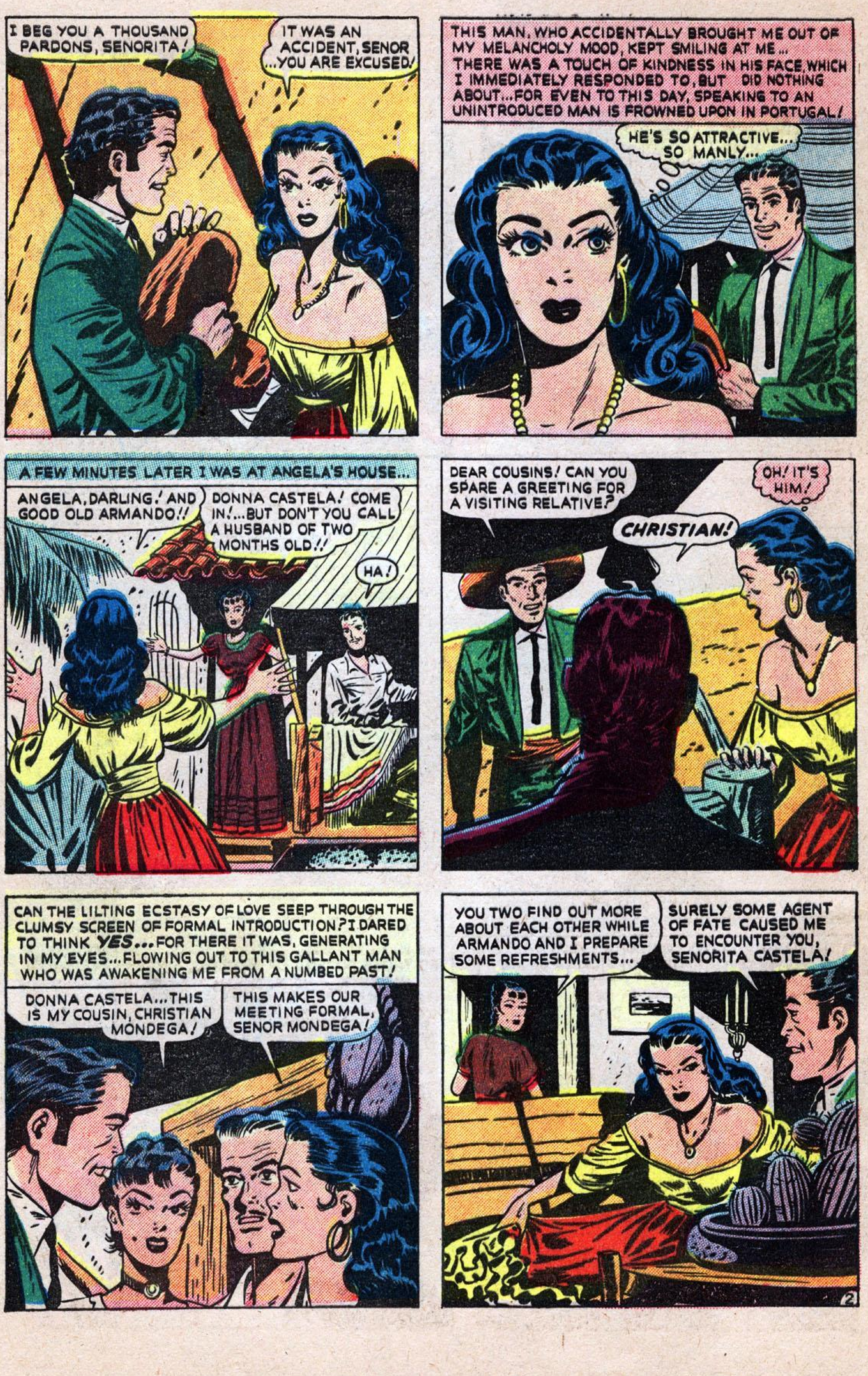
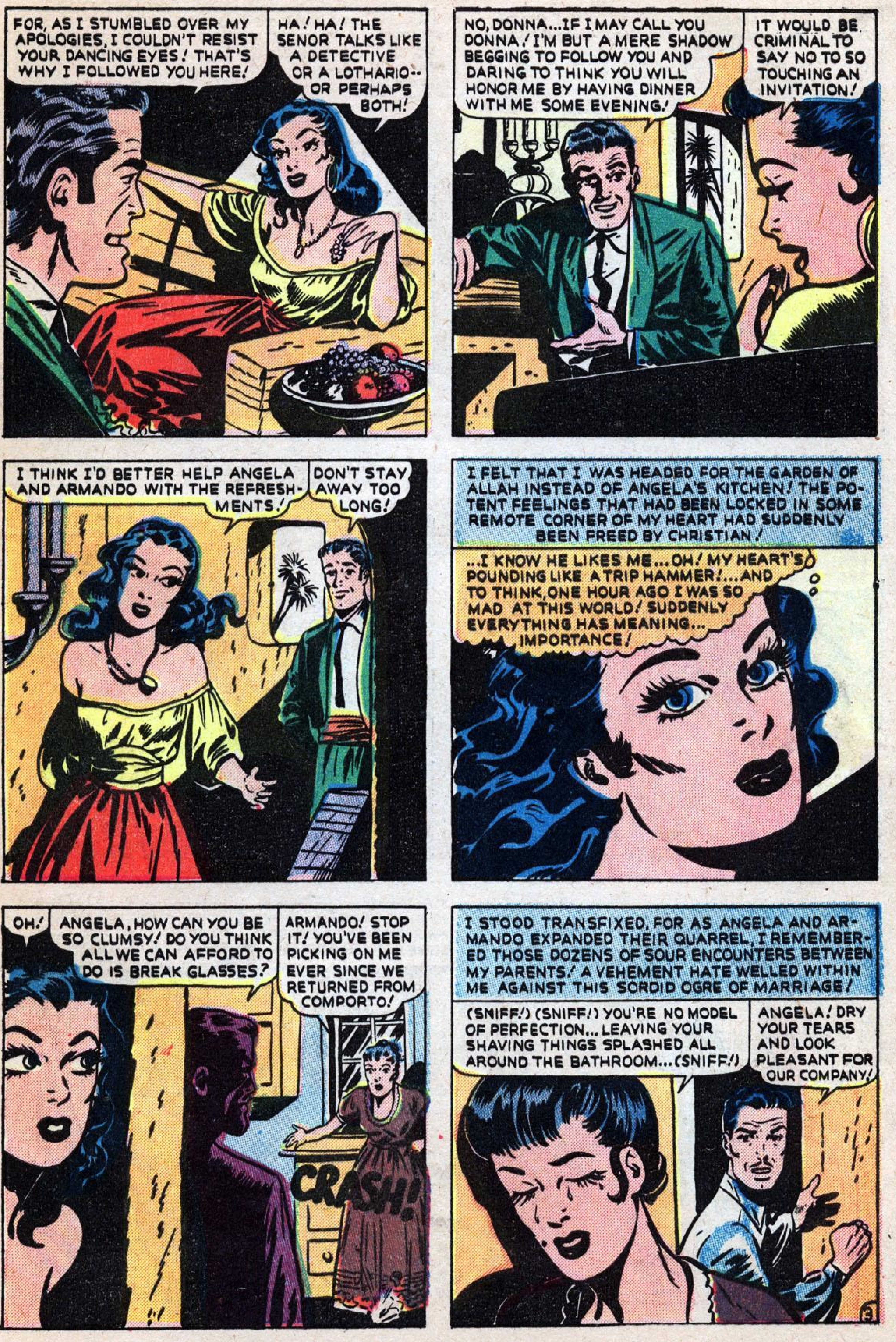

I BEG YOU A THOUSAND PARDONS, SENORITA!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, SENOR ...YOU ARE EXCUSED!
THIS MAN, WHO ACCIDENTALLY BROUGHT ME OUT OF MY MELANCHOLY MOOD, KEPT SMILING AT ME... THERE WAS A TOUCH OF KINDNESS IN HIS FACE, WHICH I IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED TO, BUT DID NOTHING ABOUT...FOR EVEN TO THIS DAY, SPEAKING TO AN UNINTRODUCED MAN IS FROWNED UPON IN PORTUGAL!
HE'S SO ATTRACTIVE... SO MANLY...
A FEW MINUTES LATER I WAS AT ANGELA'S HOUSE...
ANGELA, DARLING! AND GOOD OLD ARMANDO!!
DONNA CASTELA! COME IN!...BUT DON'T YOU CALL A HUSBAND OF TWO MONTHS OLD!!
HA!
DEAR COUSINS! CAN YOU SPARE A GREETING FOR A VISITING RELATIVE?
OH! IT'S HIM!
CHRISTIAN!
CAN THE LILTING ECSTASY OF LOVE SEEP THROUGH THE CLUMSY SCREEN OF FORMAL INTRODUCTION? I DARED TO THINK YES... FOR THERE IT WAS, GENERATING IN MY EYES... FLOWING OUT TO THIS GALLANT MAN WHO WAS AWAKENING ME FROM A NUMBED PAST!
DONNA CASTELA...THIS IS MY COUSIN, CHRISTIAN MONDEGA!
THIS MAKES OUR MEETING FORMAL, SENOR MONDEGA!
YOU TWO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER WHILE ARMANDO AND I PREPARE SOME REFRESHMENTS...
SURELY SOME AGENT OF FATE CAUSED ME TO ENCOUNTER YOU, SENORITA CASTELA!


FOR, AS I STUMBLED OVER MY APOLOGIES, I COULDN'T RESIST YOUR DANCING EYES! THAT'S WHY I FOLLOWED YOU HERE!
HA! HA! THE SENOR TALKS LIKE A DETECTIVE OR A LOTHARIO-- OR PERHAPS BOTH!
NO, DONNA...IF I MAY CALL YOU DONNA! I'M BUT A MERE SHADOW BEGGING TO FOLLOW YOU AND DARING TO THINK YOU WILL HONOR ME BY HAVING DINNER WITH ME SOME EVENING!
IT WOULD BE CRIMINAL TO SAY NO TO SO TOUCHING AN INVITATION!
I THINK I'D BETTER HELP ANGELA AND ARMANDO WITH THE REFRESHMENTS!
DON'T STAY AWAY TOO LONG!
I FELT THAT I WAS HEADED FOR THE GARDEN OF ALLAH INSTEAD OF ANGELA'S KITCHEN! THE POTENT FEELINGS THAT HAD BEEN LOCKED IN SOME REMOTE CORNER OF MY HEART HAD SUDDENLY BEEN FREED BY CHRISTIAN!
...I KNOW HE LIKES ME...OH! MY HEART'S POUNDING LIKE A TRIP HAMMER!...AND TO THINK, ONE HOUR AGO I WAS SO MAD AT THIS WORLD! SUDDENLY EVERYTHING HAS MEANING... IMPORTANCE!
OH!
ANGELA, HOW CAN YOU BE SO CLUMSY! DO YOU THINK ALL WE CAN AFFORD TO DO IS BREAK GLASSES?
ARMANDO! STOP IT! YOU'VE BEEN PICKING ON ME EVER SINCE WE RETURNED FROM COMPORTO!
CRASH!
I STOOD TRANSFIXED, FOR AS ANGELA AND ARMANDO EXPANDED THEIR QUARREL, I REMEMBERED THOSE DOZENS OF SOUR ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN MY PARENTS! A VEHEMENT HATE WELLED WITHIN ME AGAINST THIS SORDID OGRE OF MARRIAGE!
(SNIFF!) (SNIFF!) YOU'RE NO MODEL OF PERFECTION... LEAVING YOUR SHAVING THINGS SPLASHED ALL AROUND THE BATHROOM... (SNIFF!)
ANGELA! DRY YOUR TEARS AND LOOK PLEASANT FOR OUR COMPANY!
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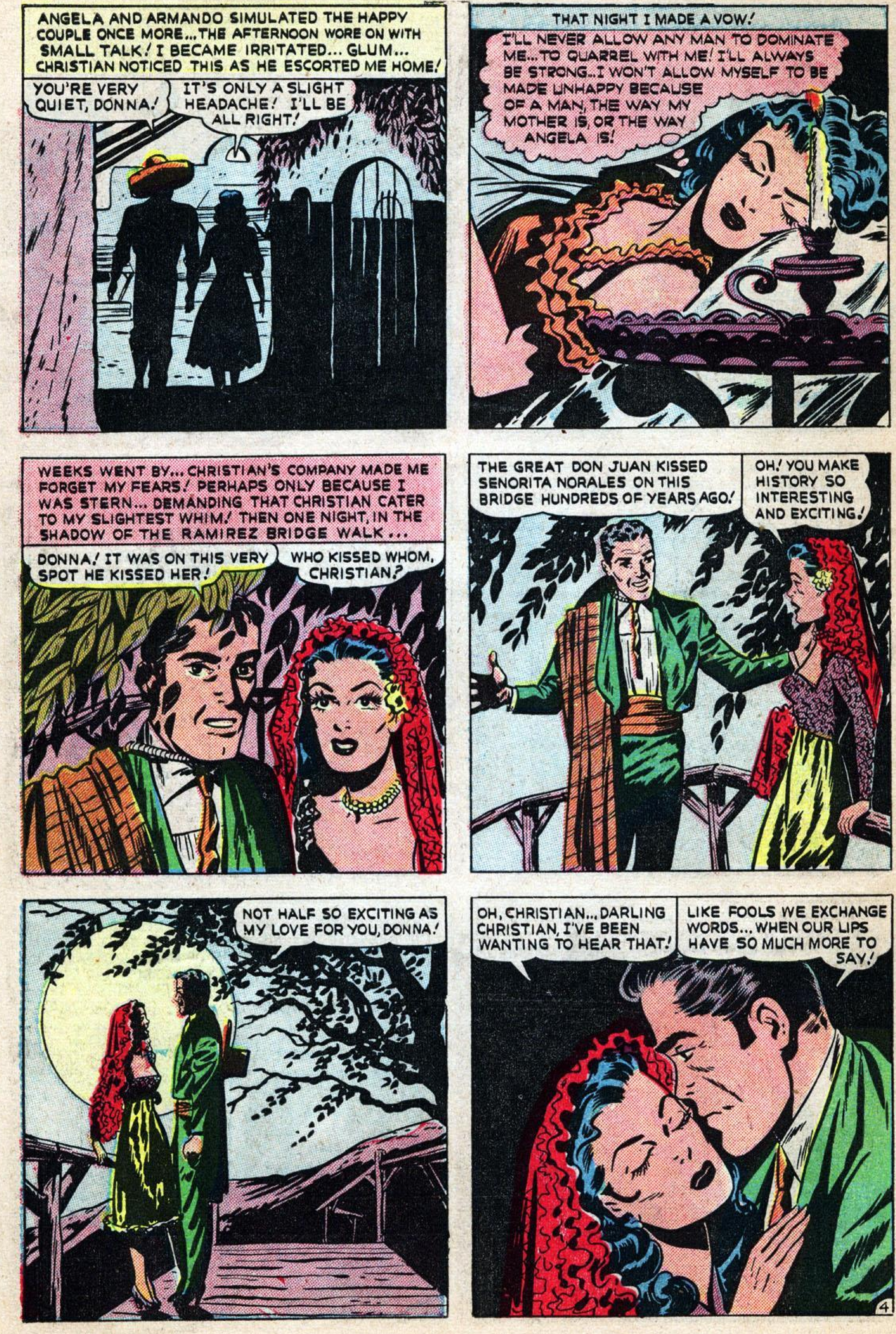
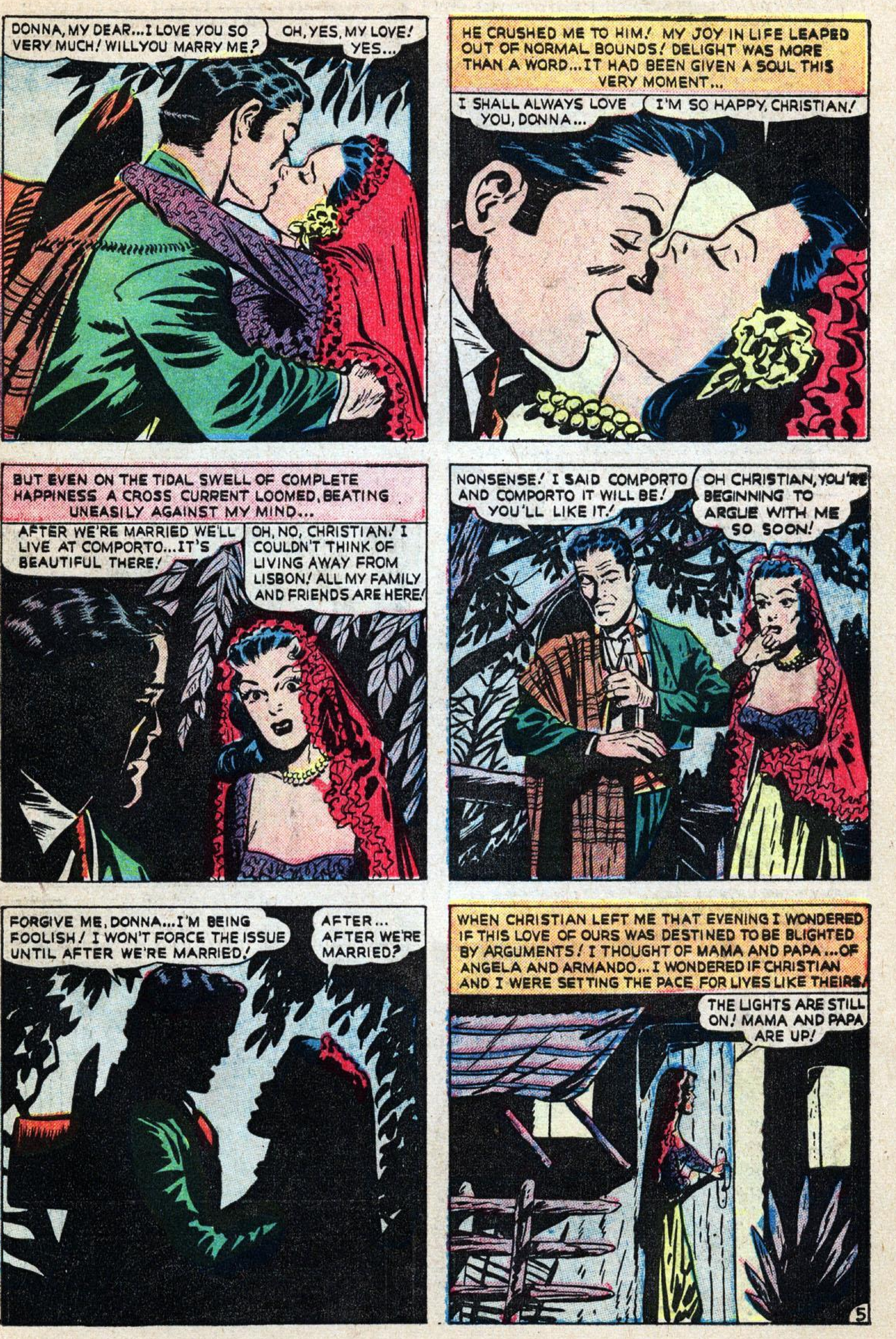

ANGELA AND ARMANDO SIMULATED THE HAPPY COUPLE ONCE MORE... THE AFTERNOON WORE ON WITH SMALL TALK! I BECAME IRRITATED... GLUM... CHRISTIAN NOTICED THIS AS HE ESCORTED ME HOME!
YOU'RE VERY QUIET, DONNA!
IT'S ONLY A SLIGHT HEADACHE! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
THAT NIGHT I MADE A VOW!
I'LL NEVER ALLOW ANY MAN TO DOMINATE ME... TO QUARREL WITH ME! I'LL ALWAYS BE STRONG.. I WON'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE MADE UNHAPPY BECAUSE OF A MAN, THE WAY MY MOTHER IS, OR THE WAY ANGELA IS!
WEEKS WENT BY... CHRISTIAN'S COMPANY MADE ME FORGET MY FEARS! PERHAPS ONLY BECAUSE I WAS STERN... DEMANDING THAT CHRISTIAN CATER TO MY SLIGHTEST WHIM! THEN ONE NIGHT, IN THE SHADOW OF THE RAMIREZ BRIDGE WALK...
DONNA! IT WAS ON THIS VERY SPOT HE KISSED HER!
WHO KISSED WHOM, CHRISTIAN?
THE GREAT DON JUAN KISSED SENORITA NORALES ON THIS BRIDGE HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO!
OH! YOU MAKE HISTORY SO INTERESTING AND EXCITING!
NOT HALF SO EXCITING AS MY LOVE FOR YOU, DONNA!
OH, CHRISTIAN... DARLING CHRISTIAN, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO HEAR THAT!
LIKE FOOLS WE EXCHANGE WORDS... WHEN OUR LIPS HAVE SO MUCH MORE TO SAY!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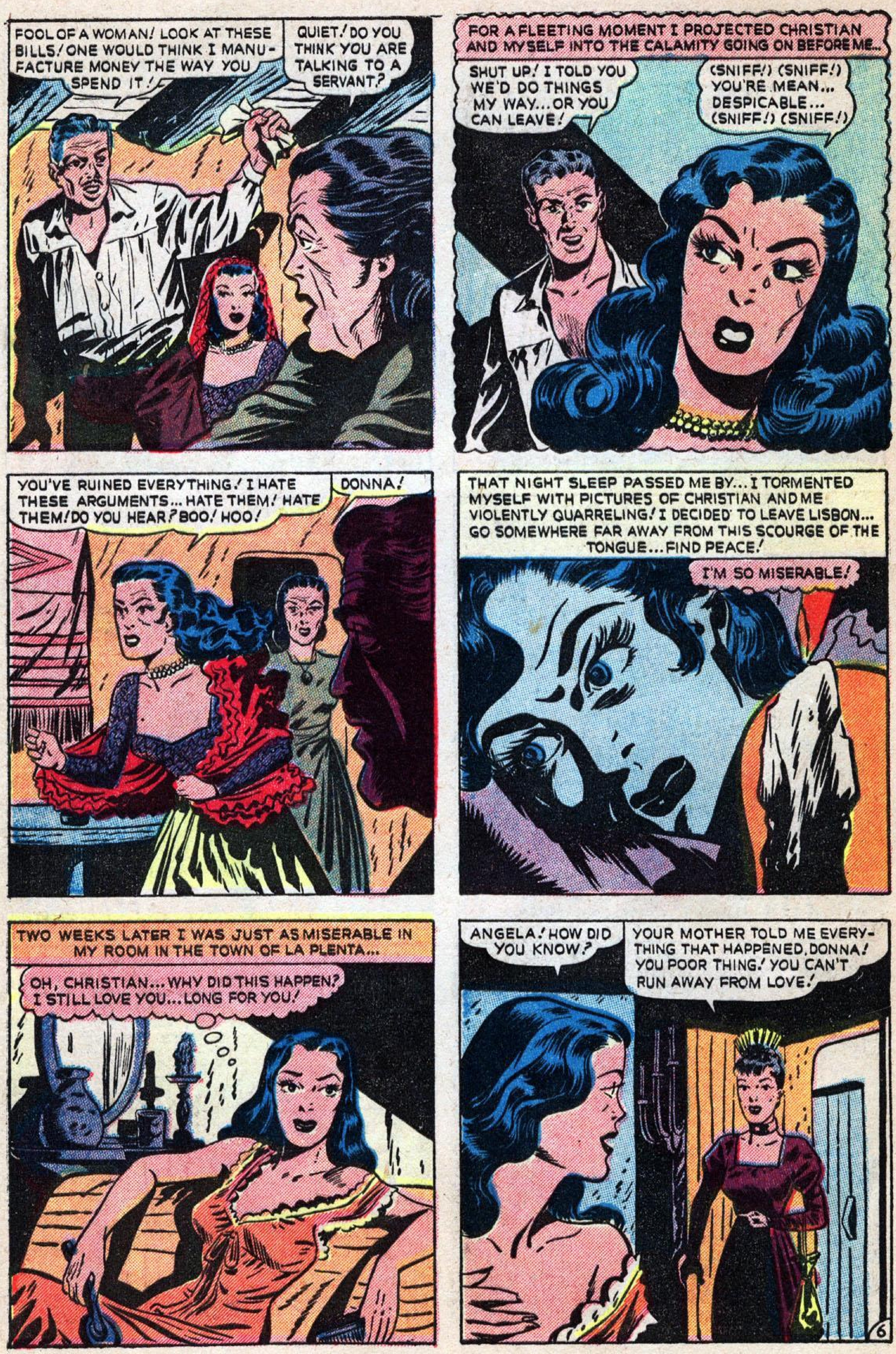
OH, YES, MY LOVE! YES...
HE CRUSHED ME TO HIM! MY JOY IN LIFE LEAPED OUT OF NORMAL BOUNDS! DELIGHT WAS MORE THAN A WORD...IT HAD BEEN GIVEN A SOUL THIS VERY MOMENT...
I SHALL ALWAYS LOVE YOU, DONNA...
I'M SO HAPPY, CHRISTIAN!
BUT EVEN ON THE TIDAL SWELL OF COMPLETE HAPPINESS A CROSS CURRENT LOOMED, BEATING UNEASILY AGAINST MY MIND...
AFTER WE'RE MARRIED WE'LL LIVE AT COMPORTO...IT'S BEAUTIFUL THERE!
OH, NO, CHRISTIAN! I COULDN'T THINK OF LIVING AWAY FROM LISBON! ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE HERE!
NONSENSE! I SAID COMPORTO AND COMPORTO IT WILL BE! YOU'LL LIKE IT!
OH CHRISTIAN, YOU'RE BEGINNING TO ARGUE WITH ME SO SOON!
FORGIVE ME, DONNA...I'M BEING FOOLISH! I WON'T FORCE THE ISSUE UNTIL AFTER WE'RE MARRIED!
AFTER... AFTER WE'RE MARRIED?
WHEN CHRISTIAN LEFT ME THAT EVENING I WONDERED IF THIS LOVE OF OURS WAS DESTINED TO BE BLIGHTED BY ARGUMENTS! I THOUGHT OF MAMA AND PAPA...OF ANGELA AND ARMANDO...I WONDERED IF CHRISTIAN AND I WERE SETTING THE PACE FOR LIVES LIKE THEIRS!
THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON! MAMA AND PAPA ARE UP!


FOOL OF A WOMAN! LOOK AT THESE BILLS! ONE WOULD THINK I MANUFACTURE MONEY THE WAY YOU SPEND IT!
QUIET! DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TALKING TO A SERVANT?
FOR A FLEETING MOMENT I PROJECTED CHRISTIAN AND MYSELF INTO THE CALAMITY GOING ON BEFORE ME..
SHUT UP! I TOLD YOU WE'D DO THINGS MY WAY... OR YOU CAN LEAVE!
(SNIFF!) (SNIFF!) YOU'RE MEAN... DESPICABLE... (SNIFF!) (SNIFF!)
YOU'VE RUINED EVERYTHING! I HATE THESE ARGUMENTS... HATE THEM! HATE THEM! DO YOU HEAR? BOO! HOO!
DONNA!
THAT NIGHT SLEEP PASSED ME BY... I TORMENTED MYSELF WITH PICTURES OF CHRISTIAN AND ME VIOLENTLY QUARRELING! I DECIDED TO LEAVE LISBON... GO SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY FROM THIS SCOURGE OF THE TONGUE... FIND PEACE!
I'M SO MISERABLE!
TWO WEEKS LATER I WAS JUST AS MISERABLE IN MY ROOM IN THE TOWN OF LA PLENTA...
OH, CHRISTIAN... WHY DID THIS HAPPEN? I STILL LOVE YOU... LONG FOR YOU!
ANGELA! HOW DID YOU KNOW?
YOUR MOTHER TOLD ME EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, DONNA! YOU POOR THING! YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM LOVE!
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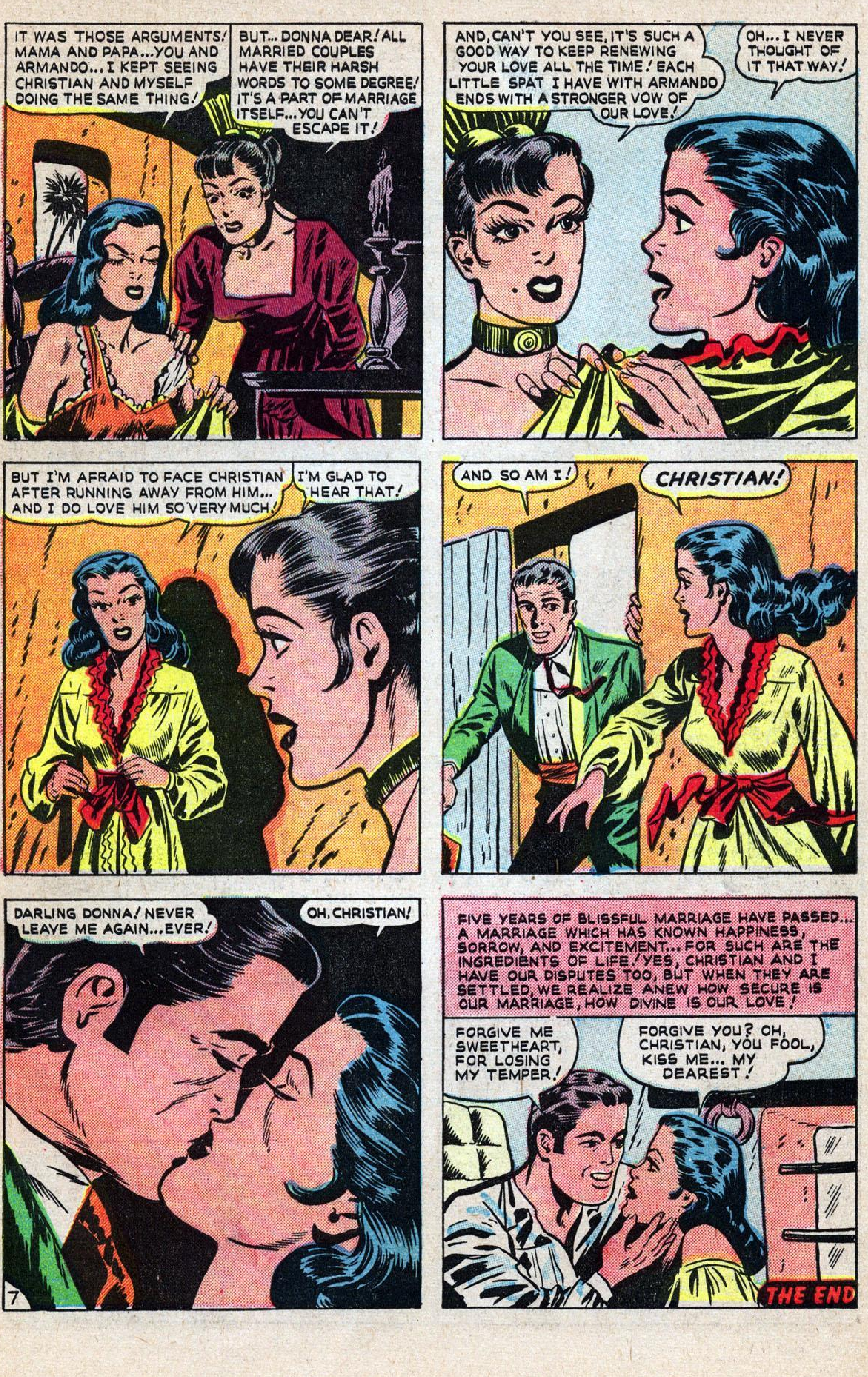
IT WAS THOSE ARGUMENTS! MAMA AND PAPA...YOU AND ARMANDO...I KEPT SEEING CHRISTIAN AND MYSELF DOING THE SAME THING!
BUT... DONNA DEAR! ALL MARRIED COUPLES HAVE THEIR HARSH WORDS TO SOME DEGREE! IT'S A PART OF MARRIAGE ITSELF...YOU CAN'T ESCAPE IT!
AND, CAN'T YOU SEE, IT'S SUCH A GOOD WAY TO KEEP RENEWING YOUR LOVE ALL THE TIME! EACH LITTLE SPAT I HAVE WITH ARMANDO ENDS WITH A STRONGER VOW OF OUR LOVE!
OH...I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY!
BUT I'M AFRAID TO FACE CHRISTIAN AFTER RUNNING AWAY FROM HIM... AND I DO LOVE HIM SO VERY MUCH!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT!
AND SO AM I!
CHRISTIAN!
DARLING DONNA! NEVER LEAVE ME AGAIN...EVER!
OH, CHRISTIAN!
FIVE YEARS OF BLISSFUL MARRIAGE HAVE PASSED... A MARRIAGE WHICH HAS KNOWN HAPPINESS, SORROW, AND EXCITEMENT... FOR SUCH ARE THE INGREDIENTS OF LIFE! YES, CHRISTIAN AND I HAVE OUR DISPUTES TOO, BUT WHEN THEY ARE SETTLED, WE REALIZE ANEW HOW SECURE IS OUR MARRIAGE, HOW DIVINE IS OUR LOVE!
FORGIVE ME SWEETHEART, FOR LOSING MY TEMPER!
FORGIVE YOU? OH, CHRISTIAN, YOU FOOL, KISS ME... MY DEAREST!
THE END

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So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want* to!

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## Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

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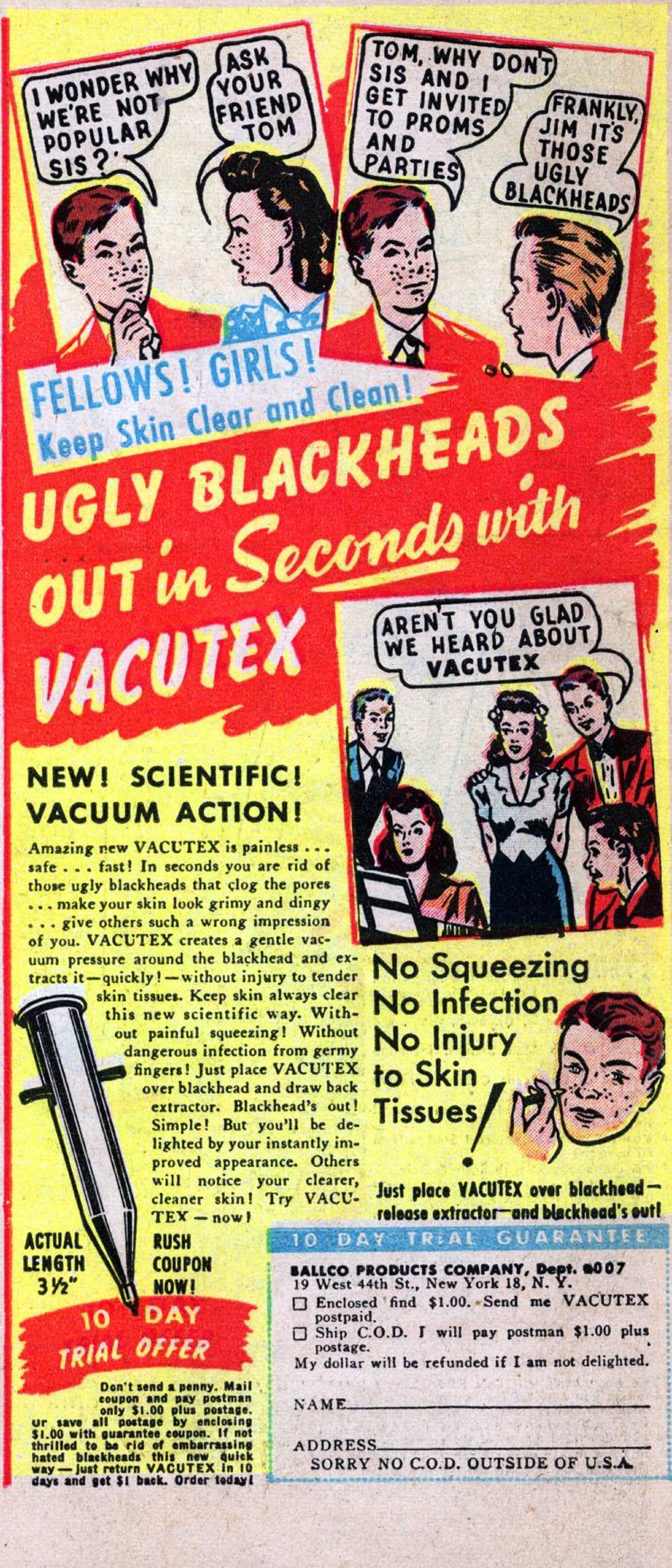
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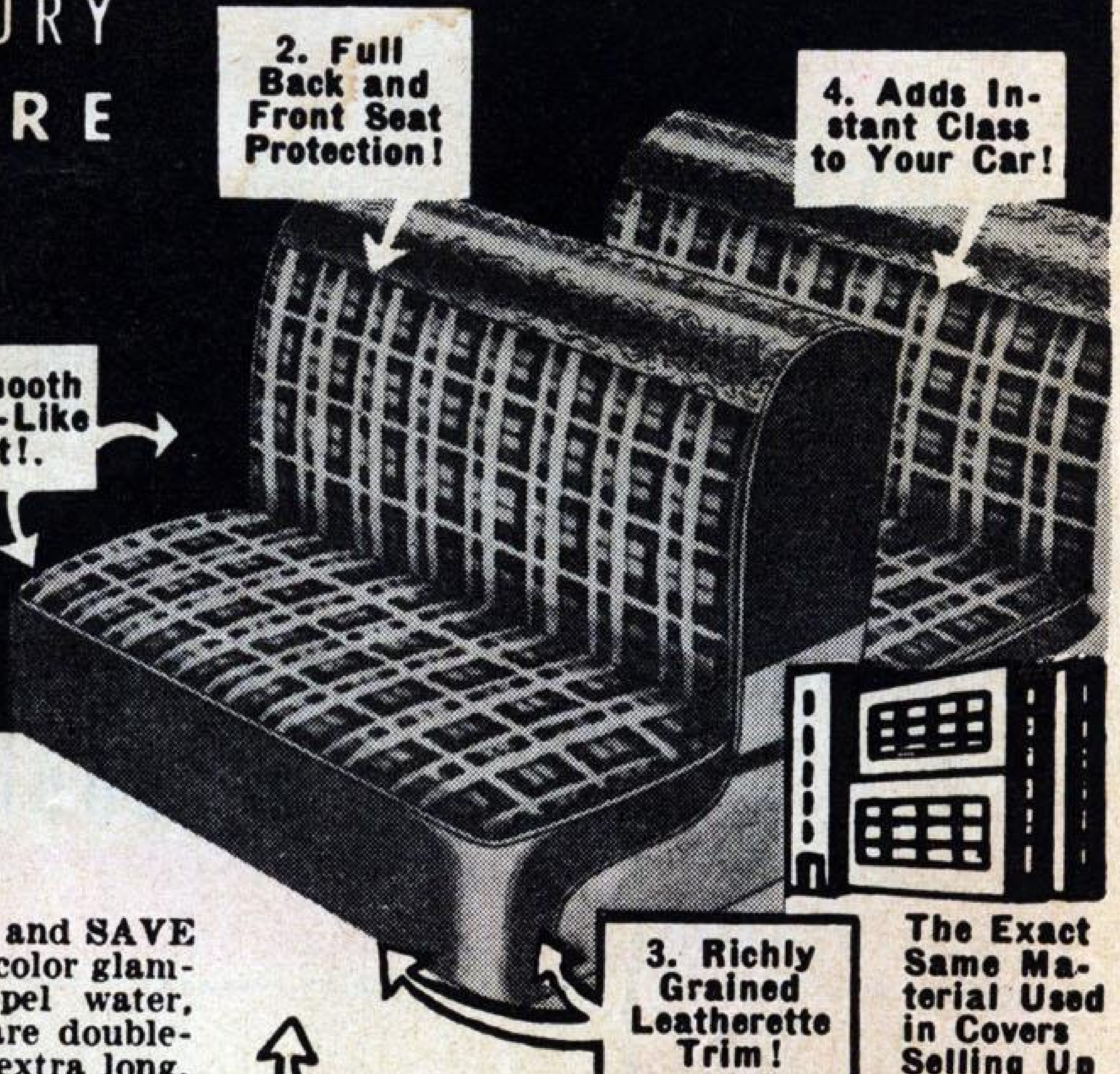

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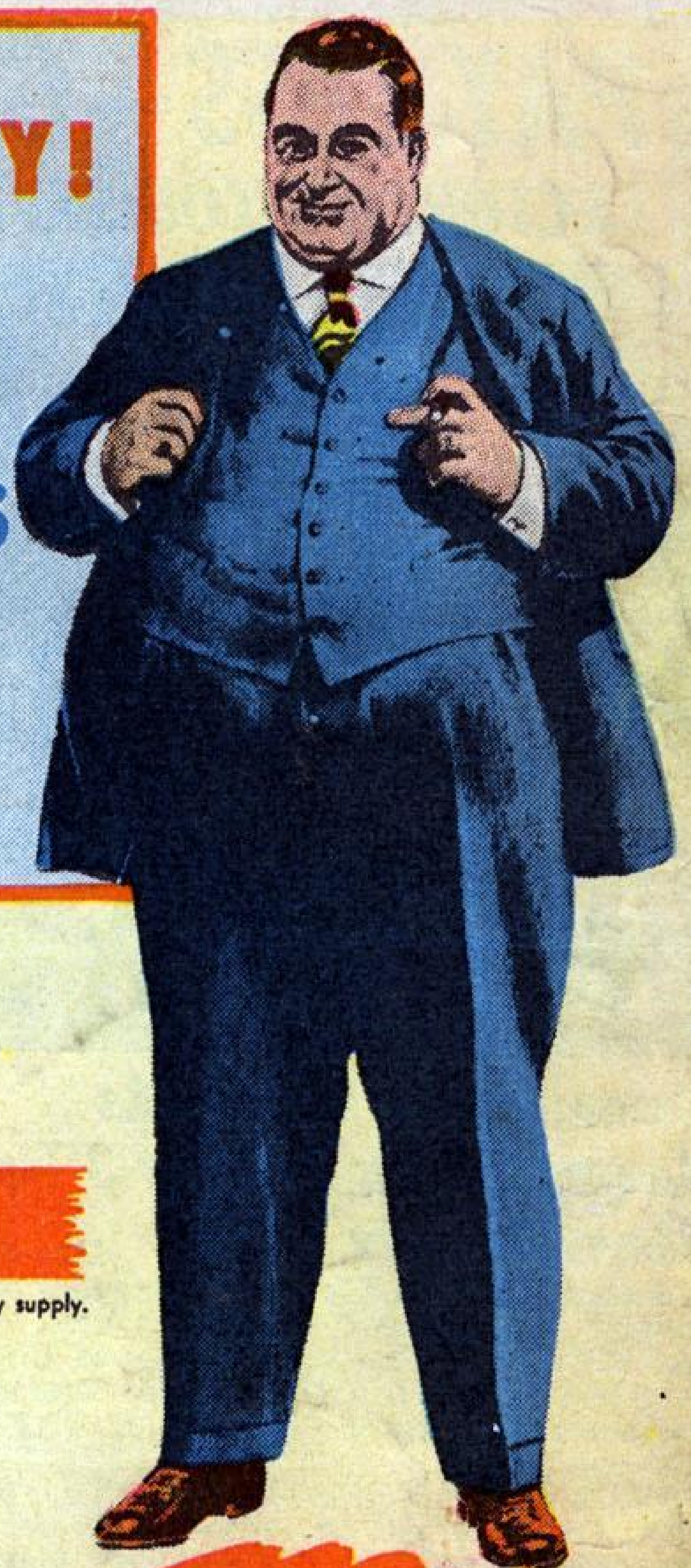

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